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ARTEMISININ DERIVATIVES

This invention relates to the use of certain
5 C-10 substituted derivatives of artemisinin in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases caused by infection with a parasite, certain novel C-10 substituted derivatives of artemisinin, processes for their preparation and pharmaceutical compositions
10 containing such C-10 substituted derivatives.

Malaria is the most important human parasitic disease in the world today. Approximately 270 million people throughout the world are infected with malaria, with about 2 million dying each year. The ability of
15 parasites to produce a complex survival mechanism by expressing variant antigens on the surface of infected erythrocytes makes it possible for the parasites to escape from the destructive action of the host immune response against these antigens. In addition, the
20 increasing rate of malaria infection is due to the spread of chloroquine-resistant strains of Plasmodium falciparum and the other multi-drug resistant strains.

In the field of animal health, parasitic diseases are a major problem, especially those diseases which
25 are functionally related to malaria. For instance, neosporosis is a term used to describe diseases caused by parasites of the species Neospora, especially Neospora caninum, in animals. Neospora infections are known to occur in dogs, cattle, sheep, goats and
30 horses.

The final host for Neospora spp., including Neospora caninum, is unknown and, in addition, the complete cycle of development of the parasite is not understood. The asexual phases of reproduction, known
35 as schizogony, and the behaviour of the unicellular tachyzoite/bradyzoite stage have been clarified, however. Tachyzoites are infectious unicellular parasite stages of about 3-7 x 1-5 mm in size formed

after intracellular reproduction termed endodyogeny. Reproduction via tachyzoites takes place preferentially in organelles such as muscle or nerve cells. Pathological symptoms invoked after an infection are associated mainly in those tissues.

5 Some five to six weeks after natural infection in a dog, symptoms of the disease are hypersensitivity caused by inflammation of neuronal cells and increasing tendency to hyperextension of the hind legs. Histopathological lesions are apparent in the nervous system, preferentially in the brain and spinal cord. Extensive non-suppurative inflammations, glial excrescences and perivascular infiltrations of mononuclear cells (macrophages, lymphocytes, plasma

10 cells) dominate, and are also partly apparent in eosinophils and neutrophils. In the muscular system, macroscopically observable necroses and degenerative changes appear. Apart from the more or less strongly developed atrophy, long pale longitudinal stripes are

15 evident.

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In California and Australia, Neospora caninum infections appear to be the main cause for abortion in cattle. Symptoms of the disease in cattle are similar to those in the dog. Ataxia is apparent, joint reflexes are weakened and pareses at the hind legs, partly in all four legs, can be observed. The histological picture is similar to that of the dog; mainly non-suppurative meningitis and myelitis.

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Data on in vivo activity of compounds suitable against neosporosis are rare because adequate in vivo test systems still have to be developed. Sulfadiazin (administered via drinking water) is effective in experimentally infected mice, only if the treatment was prophylactic, that is, the treatment was started before infection. In dogs, treatment with sulfadiazin and clindamycin is only successful if it is started early, that is, at the appearance of first clinical

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symptoms as a result of neuronal inflammation.

Coccidiosis, an infection of the small intestine, is relatively rarely diagnosed in humans, where it is caused by Isospora belli. However, humans are also 5 the final host of at least two cyst-forming coccidian species (Sarcocystis suis hominis and S. bovis hominis). Consumption of raw or inadequately cooked pork or beef containing such cysts can lead to severe diarrhoea, the cause of which is probably seldom diagnosed 10 correctly. Coccidia (phylum Apicomplexa, suborder Eimeriina) are one of the most successful groups of parasitic protozoans, having conquered virtually every class of Metazoa. The ones that are of particular importance for man are the 60-100 species which 15 parasitise domestic animals and which in some instances can cause very severe losses, especially in poultry, although also in lambs, calves, piglets, rabbits and other animals (see Table A).

Table A: Causatives of intestinal coccidiosis in domestic animals

	Animal	number of <u>Eimeria</u> and/or <u>Isospora</u> species*)	most pathogenic and/or very common species (E=Eimeria, I=Isospora)
5	chicken (<u>Gallus gallus</u>)	7	<u>E.tenella</u> , <u>E.necatrix</u> , <u>E.maxima</u> , <u>E.acervulina</u>
	turkey (<u>Meleagris gallopavo</u>)	7	<u>E.meleagrinitis</u> , <u>E.adenoides</u>
	goose (<u>Anser anser</u>)	6	<u>E.anseris</u> , <u>E.truncata</u> , <u>E.nocens</u> , <u>E.kotlani</u>
10	duck (<u>Anas platyrhynchos</u>)	3	<u>Tyzzeria perniciosa</u> , <u>E.anatis</u>
	pigeon (<u>Columba livia</u>)	2	<u>E.columbarum</u> , <u>E.labbeana</u>
	rabbit (<u>Oryctolagus cuniculus</u>)	11(12)	<u>E.intestinalis</u> , <u>E.flavescens</u> , <u>E.stiedai</u> , <u>E.magna</u> , <u>E.perforans</u>
	sheep (<u>Ovis aries</u>)	11(16)	<u>E.ovinoidalis</u> , <u>E.ashata</u> <u>E.ovina</u>
15	goat (<u>Capra hircus</u>)	12(15)	<u>E.ninakohlyakimovae</u> , <u>E.arloingi</u>
	cattle (<u>Bos taurus</u>)	12(15)	<u>E.zuernii</u> , <u>E.bovis</u> , <u>E.auburnensis</u>
	pig (<u>Sus scrofa</u>)	7(14)	<u>I.suis</u> , <u>E.debliecki</u> , <u>E.scabra</u>
	dog (<u>Canis familiaris</u>)	5	<u>I.canis</u> , <u>I.(Cystoisospora) burrowsi</u>
	cat (<u>Felis catus</u>)	2+6	<u>I.felis</u> , <u>I.rivolta</u> as final host: <u>Sarcocystis bovifelis</u> , <u>S.ovifelis</u> , <u>S.fusiformis</u> , <u>S.muris</u> , <u>S.cuniculi</u> , <u>Toxoplasma gondii</u>

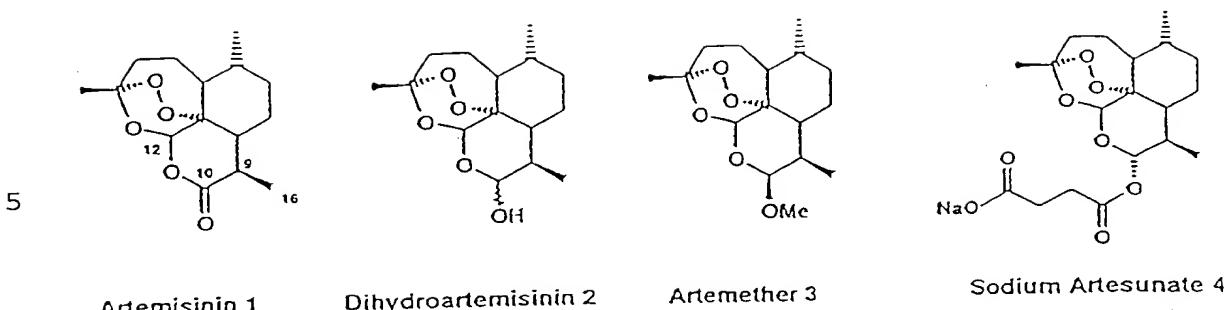
20 *) regarding to Pellerdy (1974), Eckert et al, (1995b), Levine and Ivens (1970) and Mehlhorn 1988)

Most of the pathogenic species are strictly host-specific. They have a complex life cycle with two asexual reproduction phases (schizogony or merogony, and sporogony) and a sexual development phase (gametogony). In view of the major importance of coccidiosis, numerous reviews are available, for instance, by Davies et al. (1963), Hammond and Long

(1973), Long (1982, 1990), and Pellerdy (1974). The economically important species sometimes differ very considerably in their sensitivity to medicinal active ingredients. The sensitivity of the different 5 developmental stages to medicinal agents also varies enormously.

As far as the use of drugs is concerned, prophylaxis is the main approach in poultry, in which symptoms do not appear until the phase of increased 10 morbidity, and therapy is the principal strategy in mammals (McDougald 1982). Polyether antibiotics and sulfonamides, among other drugs, are currently used for such treatment and prophylaxis. However, drug-resistant strains of Eimeria have emerged and drug-resistance is now a serious problem. New drugs are 15 therefore urgently required. Given the multiplicity of pathogens and hosts, there is no "ideal model" for identifying and testing anticoccidial agents. For example, most of the many substances used for preventing coccidiosis in poultry are insufficiently 20 effective or even completely ineffective against mammalian coccidia (Haberkorn and Mundt; 1989; Haberkorn 1996). Numerous works and sets of 25 instructions have been published on testing of active ingredients in animals for anticoccidial efficacy, for immunisation, etc. One particularly important and comprehensive example is the survey of current methods published by Eckert et al. (1995a).

The compound artemisinin, also known as qinghaosu 30 (1), is a tetracyclic 1,2,4-trioxane occurring in Artemisia annua. Artemisinin and its derivatives dihydroartemisinin (2), artemether (3) and sodium artesunate (4) have been used for the treatment of malaria.

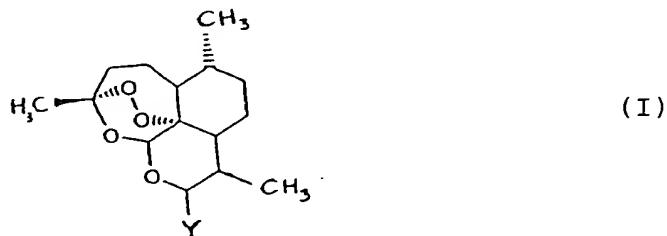


Different modes of action have been proposed by various groups to account for the action of artemisinin and its derivatives in treating malaria (Posner et al., *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* 1996, 118, 3537; Posner et al., *J.Am.Chem.Soc.* 1995, 117, 5885; Posner et al., *J.Med.Chem.* 1995, 38, 2273). However, irrespective of actual mode of action, all current derivatives suffer from poor oral bioavailability and poor stability (Meshnick et al., *Parasitology Today* 1996, 12, 79), especially the 'first generation' ethers and esters artemether and sodium artesunate obtained from dihydroartemisinin. Extensive chemical studies carried out on artemisinin and derivatives indicate that a cause of instability is the facile opening of the trioxane moiety in artemisinin itself, or in the metabolite common to all currently used derivatives artemether, arteether and artesunate, namely dihydroartemisinin. Ring opening will provide the free hydroperoxide, which is susceptible to reduction. Removal of this group ensures destruction of drug activity with the reduction products being transformed into desoxo metabolites. In order to render ring-opening less facile, the oxygen atom at C-10 can be either removed to provide 10-deoxydihydroartemisinin, or replaced by other groups, and this has provided the basis for the so-called 'second generation' compounds which are generally 10-deoxy artemisinin derivatives. In addition, derivatives of artemisinin have also been prepared with a variety of substituents at C-9.

Artemisinin derivatives are also known in which the oxygen atom at C-10 has been replaced by an amine group. For instance, Yang et al (Biorg. Med. Chem. Lett., 1995, 5, 1791-1794) synthesised ten new artemisinin derivatives in which the oxygen atom at C-10 was replaced by a group -NHAr where Ar represents a phenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-carboxylphenyl or 4-carboxylphenyl group. These compounds were tested for in vivo activity against the K173 strain of Plasmodium berghei and found to be active.

Whilst the current artemisinin derivatives are successful, there are problems associated with stability, bioavailability and potential neurotoxicity. There is also a need for artemisinin derivatives which exhibit a broad spectrum of activity against a variety of parasites.

It has now been discovered that certain C-10 substituted derivatives of artemisinin are effective in the treatment of diseases caused by infection with a parasite. These compounds are particularly effective in the treatment of diseases caused by infection with a parasite of the genera Plasmodium, Neospora or Eimeria, especially Plasmodium falciparum, Neospora caninum and Eimeria tenella which cause malaria, neosporosis and coccidiosis respectively. According to the present invention there is therefore provided a compound of the general formula I



or a salt thereof,

in which

Y represents a halogen atom, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or

5 heterocyclalkyl group or a group -NR¹R²; where

R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group;

R² represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl group;

10 or

R¹ and R² together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from an optionally substituted amino acid ester;

15 for use in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite other than an organism of the genus Plasmodium.

Suitable salts include acid addition salts and these may be formed by reaction of a suitable compound 20 of formula I with a suitable acid, such as an organic acid or a mineral acid. Acid addition salts formed by reaction with a mineral acid are particularly preferred, especially salts formed by reaction with hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid. Compounds of formula I in which Y represents a group -NR¹R² where R¹ 25 and R² are as defined above are particularly suitable for the formation of such acid addition salts.

Any alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group, unless otherwise specified, may be linear or branched and may 30 contain up to 12, preferably up to 6, and especially up to 4 carbon atoms. Preferred alkyl groups are methyl, ethyl, propyl and butyl. It is preferred that any alkenyl or alkynyl group is not an alk-1-enyl or alk-1-ynyl group. In other words, there should 35 preferably be at least one methylene group -CH₂- or similar sp³-hybridised centre between a carbon atom forming part of the double or triple C-C bond and the

nitrogen atom to which the group is attached.

Preferred alkenyl and alkynyl groups include propenyl, butenyl, propynyl and butynyl groups. When an alkyl moiety forms part of another group, for example the alkyl moiety of an aralkyl group, it is preferred that it contains up to 6, especially up to 4, carbon atoms. Preferred alkyl moieties are methyl and ethyl.

An aryl group may be any aromatic hydrocarbon group and may contain from 6 to 24, preferably 6 to 18, more preferably 6 to 16, and especially 6 to 14, carbon atoms. Preferred aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl, phenanthryl and pyrlyl groups, especially a phenyl or naphthyl, and particularly a phenyl, group. When an aryl moiety forms part of another group, for example the aryl moiety of an aralkyl group, it is preferred that it is a phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl, phenanthryl or pyrlyl, especially phenyl or naphthyl, and particularly a phenyl, moiety.

An aralkyl group may be any alkyl group substituted by an aryl group. A preferred aralkyl group contains from 7 to 30, particularly 7 to 24 and especially 7 to 18, carbon atoms, particularly preferred aralkyl groups being benzyl, naphthylmethyl, anthrylmethyl, phenanthrylmethyl and pyrlylmethyl groups. A particularly preferred aralkyl group is a benzyl group.

A cycloalkyl group may be any saturated cyclic hydrocarbon group and may contain from 3 to 12, preferably 3 to 8, and especially 3 to 6, carbon atoms. Preferred cycloalkyl groups are cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl groups.

A heteroaryl group may be any aromatic monocyclic or polycyclic ring system which contains at least one heteroatom. Preferably, a heteroaryl group is a 5-18-membered, particularly a 5- to 14-membered, and especially a 5- to 10-membered, aromatic ring system containing at least one heteroatom selected from

oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen atoms. Preferred heteroaryl groups include pyridyl, pyrylium, thiopyrylium, pyrrolyl, furyl, thienyl, indolinyl, isoindolinyl, indolizinyl, imidazolyl, pyridonyl, 5 pyronyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, purinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, pyridazinyl, benzofuranyl, benzoxazolyl and acridinyl groups. A C-linked heteroaryl group is therefore a heteroaryl group as defined above which is linked to 10 the tetracyclic 1,2,4-trioxane moiety of a compound of general formula I via a carbon atom in the heteroaromatic ring system.

A heterocyclic group may be any monocyclic or polycyclic ring system which contains at least one 15 heteroatom and may be unsaturated or partially or fully saturated. The term "heterocyclic" thus includes heteroaryl groups as defined above as well as non-aromatic heterocyclic groups. Preferably, a heterocyclic group is a 3- to 18- membered, 20 particularly a 3- to 14-membered, especially a 5- to 10-membered, ring system containing at least one heteroatom selected from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen atoms. Preferred heterocyclic groups include the specific heteroaryl groups named above as well as 25 pyranyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, dioxanyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinosulphonyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl and tetrahydrofuranyl groups.

A heterocyclalkyl group may be any alkyl group 30 substituted by a heterocyclic group. Preferably, the heterocyclic moiety is a 3- to 18- membered, particularly a 3- to 14-membered, and especially a 5- to 10-membered, heterocyclic group as defined above and the alkyl moiety is a C₁₋₆ alkyl, preferably C₁₋₄ alkyl, and especially methyl, group.

An amino acid may be any α-amino acid, such as glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, serine,

threonine, cysteine, cystine, methionine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, asparagine, glutamine, lysine, hydroxylysine, arginine, histidine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, proline, hydroxyproline or 5 phenylglycine, and includes both D- and L- configurations. An amino acid ester may be any ester of such an amino acid, alkyl esters, particularly C₁₋₄ alkyl esters, being especially preferred.

When any of the foregoing substituents are 10 designated as being optionally substituted, the substituent groups which are optionally present may be any one or more of those customarily employed in the development of pharmaceutical compounds and/or the modification of such compounds to influence their 15 structure/activity, stability, bioavailability or other property. Specific examples of such substituents include, for example, halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl, cycloalkyl, alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, 20 dialkylamino, formyl, alkoxycarbonyl, carboxyl, alkanoyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylsulphonato, arylsulphinyl, arylsulphonyl, arylsulphonato, carbamoyl, alkylamido, aryl, heterocyclic and alkyl- or aryl-substituted 25 heterocyclic groups. When any of the foregoing substituents represents or contains an alkyl or alkenyl substituent group, this may be linear or branched and may contain up to 12, preferably up to 6, and especially up to 4, carbon atoms. A cycloalkyl 30 group may contain from 3 to 8, preferably from 3 to 6, carbon atoms. An aryl group or moiety may contain from 6 to 10 carbon atoms, phenyl groups being especially preferred. A heterocyclic group or moiety 35 may be a 5- to 10-membered ring system as defined above. A halogen atom may be a fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atom and any group which contains a halo moiety, such as a haloalkyl group, may thus

contain any one or more of these halogen atoms.

In one aspect, it is preferred that Y represents a halogen atom, particularly a fluorine or bromine, and especially a fluorine, atom.

5 In another preferred aspect Y may represent a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₈ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered C-linked heteroaryl group or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclyl-C₁₋₆ alkyl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more
10 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, carboxyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, 5 to 10-membered heterocyclic and C₁₋₄ alkyl- or phenyl-substituted 5-
15 to 10-membered heterocyclic groups. Preferably Y represents a C₆₋₁₈ aryl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ haloalkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino and carboxyl
20 groups. In particular, Y may represent a phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl or phenanthryl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, methyl, vinyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy and carboxyl
25 groups.

30 In a particularly preferred sub-group of compounds, Y represents a phenyl, chlorophenyl, bromophenyl, trimethylphenyl, vinylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, trimethoxyphenyl, carboxylphenyl, naphthyl, hydroxynaphthyl, anthryl or phenanthryl group. Compounds in which Y represents a phenyl or trimethoxyphenyl group are especially preferred.

35 In a further preferred aspect, Y may represent a group -NR¹R² where R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group and R² represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₈

cycloalkyl, C_{6-10} aryl or C_{7-16} aralkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from a C_{1-6} alkyl ester of an amino acid, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl and phenyl groups. In particular, Y may represent a group $-NR^1R^2$ where R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group and R^2 represents a C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl group, or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a 6- to 10-membered heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from a C_{1-4} alkyl ester of an amino acid, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy carbonyl and phenyl groups.

In a particularly preferred sub-group of these compounds, Y represents a propylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, phenylamino, fluorophenylamino, chlorophenylamino, bromophenylamino, iodophenylamino, methoxycarbonylphenylamino, biphenylamino, 25 benzylamino, fluorobenzylamino, bis(trifluoromethyl)-benzylamino, phenylethylamino, phenylmethoxycarbonylmethylamino, diethylamino, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinosulphonyl, indolinyl or tetrahydroisoquinolinyl group. Compounds in which Y represents a propylamino, phenylamino, bromophenylamino, iodophenylamino, biphenylamino, benzylamino, bis(trifluoromethyl)benzylamino, phenylethylamino, phenyl-methoxycarbonylmethylamino or morpholinyl group are especially preferred.

35 Preferably, the parasite is an organism of the genus Neospora or the genus Eimeria.

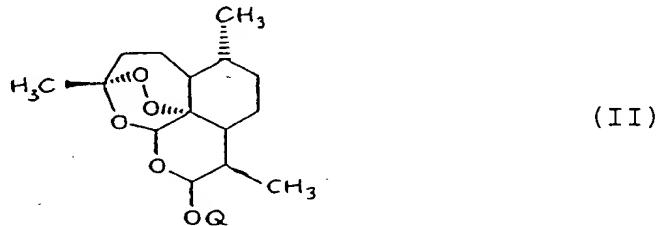
The present invention also provides the use of a

compound of the general formula I as defined above for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite other than an organism of the genus 5 Plasmodium. Preferably, the parasite is an organism of the genus Neospora or the genus Eimeria.

Certain compounds of the general formula I are novel and the invention therefore further provides a compound of the general formula I as defined above, 10 with the proviso that, when Y is a group -NR¹R² and R² represents a phenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-carboxylphenyl or 4-carboxylphenyl group, then R¹ is an optionally 15 substituted alkyl group.

It should also be appreciated that the compounds of general formula I are capable of existing as different geometric and optical isomers. The present invention thus includes both the individual isomers 20 and mixtures of such isomers.

The present invention also provides a process for the preparation of a novel compound of the general formula I as defined in the ante-preceding paragraph which comprises reacting a compound of the general 25 formula II



30 in which Q represents a hydrogen atom or trimethylsilyl group, with a suitable halogenating agent to form a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a halogen atom; and, if desired, reacting the compound of general formula I thus formed 35

either with a Grignard reagent of the general formula YMgX where Y is an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group and X is a halogen atom to form a compound of general formula I in which Y represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group or with an amine of the general formula HNR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined above to form a compound of general formula I in which Y represents a group -NR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined above.

Suitable halogenating agents for forming compounds of the general formula I in which Y represents a halogen atom include diethylaminosulphur trifluoride, chlorotrimethylsilane, bromotrimethylsilane and iodotrimethylsilane. In particular, compounds of the general formula I in which Y represents a chlorine, bromine or iodine atom may be prepared by reacting a compound of the general formula II in which Q represents a trimethylsilyl group with a suitable chlorinating, brominating or iodinating agent respectively, such as chlorotrimethylsilane, bromotrimethylsilane or iodotrimethylsilane respectively. This reaction may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include halogenated hydrocarbons, especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane. Preferably, the reaction is carried out at a temperature of -30°C to +10°, particularly -5°C to +5°C, about 0°C being especially preferred.

Compounds of the general formula I in which Y represents a fluorine atom may be conveniently prepared by reacting a compound of the general formula II in which Q represents a hydrogen atom with a suitable fluorinating agent, such as diethylaminosulphur trifluoride. This reaction may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent,

suitable solvents including halogenated hydrocarbons, especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane. Preferably, the reaction is carried out at -5°C to room temperature, that is, -5 to +35°C, 5 preferably 0 to 30°C. The reaction may also be carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as nitrogen.

Suitable Grignard reagents for forming compounds of the general formula I in which Y is an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclylalkyl group include compounds of the general formula YMgX where X represents a chlorine, bromine or iodine atom. However, it is particularly preferred that X represents a bromine atom. The 10 reaction of a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a halogen, preferably a bromine, atom with a Grignard reagent may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable 15 solvents include ethers, such as diethyl ether. Preferably, the reaction is carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as nitrogen, at a temperature of -5°C to +5°C, 0°C being especially preferred. This method produces a single pure isomer of the final product. 20

The reaction of an amine with a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a halogen, 25 preferably a bromine, atom to form a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a group -NR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined above may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include halogenated hydrocarbons, 30 especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane, and ethers, such as tetrahydrofuran. Preferably, the reaction is carried out at a temperature of -5°C to +5°C, 0°C being especially preferred. 35

When a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a bromine atom is to be further reacted

with a Grignard reagent or an amine to form a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group or a group -
5 NR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined above, it is preferred that the compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a bromine atom is generated in situ by reacting a compound of the general formula II in which Q represents a trimethylsilyl group with
10 bromotrimethylsilane.

A compound of the general formula II in which Q represents a trimethylsilyl group may be prepared by reacting dihydroartemisinin, that is, the compound of general formula II in which Q represents a hydrogen atom, with chlorotrimethylsilane in the presence of a base, such as pyridine or triethylamine. Preferably, the reaction is carried out at room temperature, that is, 15 to 35°C, preferably 20 to 30°C.
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Dihydroartemisinin, that is, the compound of general formula II in which Q represents a hydrogen atom, is a known compound and can be prepared by known processes.
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Compounds of the general formula I in which Y represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group can also be prepared by reacting 9,10-anhydroartemisinin with a compound of the general formula Y-H, where Y is as defined above, in the presence of a suitable Lewis acid. This method produces a mixture of isomers in
25 the final product.
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Suitable Lewis acids include boron trifluoride dietherate and trifluoromethanesulphonic acid. The reaction may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent. Suitable solvents include halogenated hydrocarbons, especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane. Preferably, the reaction is carried out under an inert atmosphere,
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such as nitrogen, at room temperature, that is, 15 to 35°C, preferably 20 to 30°C.

9,10-Anhydroartemisinin may be conveniently prepared by reacting dihydroartemisinin with trifluoroacetic anhydride. The reaction may be conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent, preferably a halogenated hydrocarbon, and especially a chlorinated hydrocarbon, such as dichloromethane. It is also preferred that the reaction is carried out in the presence of a base, such as pyridine or a derivative thereof, for example, dimethylamino-pyridine. Preferably, the reaction is carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as nitrogen, at a temperature of -5°C to +5°C, preferably 0°C, with the reaction mixture being subsequently allowed to warm to room temperature, that is, 15 to 35°C, preferably 20 to 30°C.

Compounds of formula I in which Y represents a substituted aryl group where at least one of the substituents is a hydroxyl group can also be prepared by rearrangement of the corresponding C-10 ether linked artemisinin derivative so that the oxygen atom of the ether link becomes the oxygen atom of the hydroxyl group in the substituted aryl group of the desired product. Such a rearrangement can be effected by reacting the corresponding C-10 ether linked artemisinin derivative with a Lewis acid, such as a boron trifluoride dietherate. The reaction is conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent such as dichloromethane at a temperature of -5°C to + 5°C, preferably 0°C.

Certain compounds of the general formula I may also be prepared by conversion of another compound of general formula I. For instance, 10-(4-vinylphenyl)-dihydroartemisinin may be converted to 10-(4-carboxy-phenyl)dihydroartemisinin by reaction with an oxidising agent, such as potassium permanganate.

Also, compounds of general formula I which contain a heterocyclic moiety having at least one sulphur atom in the ring system may be oxidised to form compounds of general formula I in which the or each sulphur atom 5 has been converted to a sulphinyl or sulphonyl group by reaction with a suitable oxidising agent.

Suitable oxidising agents include 4-methylmorpholine N-oxide (NMO), tetrapropylammonium perruthenate (TPAP) and mixtures thereof. The reaction may be 10 conveniently carried out in the presence of a solvent, suitable solvents including halogenated hydrocarbons, especially chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as dichloromethane. Preferably, the reaction is carried out at room temperature, that is, 15 to 35°C, 15 preferably 20 to 30°C. The reaction may also be carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as nitrogen.

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition which comprises a carrier and, as active 20 ingredient, a novel compound of the general formula I as defined above.

A pharmaceutically acceptable carrier may be any material with which the active ingredient is formulated to facilitate administration. A carrier 25 may be a solid or a liquid, including a material which is normally gaseous but which has been compressed to form a liquid; and any of the carriers normally used in formulating pharmaceutical compositions may be used. Preferably, compositions according to the 30 invention contain 0.5 to 95% by weight of active ingredient.

The compounds of general formula I can be formulated as, for example, tablets, capsules, suppositories or solutions. These formulations can be 35 produced by known methods using conventional solid carriers such as, for example, lactose, starch or talcum or liquid carriers such as, for example, water,

fatty oils or liquid paraffins. Other carriers which may be used include materials derived from animal or vegetable proteins, such as the gelatins, dextrans and soy, wheat and psyllium seed proteins; gums such as acacia, guar, agar, and xanthan; polysaccharides; alginates; carboxymethylcelluloses; carrageenans; dextrans; pectins; synthetic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; polypeptide/protein or polysaccharide complexes such as gelatin-acacia complexes; sugars such as mannitol, dextrose, galactose and trehalose; cyclic sugars such as cyclodextrin; inorganic salts such as sodium phosphate, sodium chloride and aluminium silicates; and amino acids having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms such as α glycine, L-alanine, L-aspartic acid, L-glutamic acid, L-hydroxyproline, L-isoleucine, L-leucine and L-phenylalanine.

Auxiliary components such as tablet disintegrants, solubilisers, preservatives, antioxidants, surfactants, viscosity enhancers, colouring agents, flavouring agents, pH modifiers, sweeteners or taste-masking agents may also be incorporated into the composition. Suitable colouring agents include red, black and yellow iron oxides and FD & C dyes such as FD & C blue No. 2 and FD & C red No. 40 available from Ellis & Everard. Suitable flavouring agents include mint, raspberry, liquorice, orange, lemon, grapefruit, caramel, vanilla, cherry and grape flavours and combinations of these. Suitable pH modifiers include citric acid, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, hydrochloric acid and maleic acid. Suitable sweeteners include aspartame, acesulfame K and thaumatin. Suitable taste-masking agents include sodium bicarbonate, ion-exchange resins, cyclodextrin inclusion compounds, adsorbates or microencapsulated actives.

For treatment of and prophylaxis against

coccidiosis and related parasites, for instance; in poultry, especially in chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, 0.1 to 100 ppm, preferably 0.5 to 100 ppm of the active compound may be mixed into an appropriate, 5 edible material, such as nutritious food. If desired, the amounts applied can be increased, especially if the active compound is well tolerated by the recipient. Accordingly, the active compound can be applied with the drinking water.

10 For the treatment of a single animal, for instance, for the treatment of coccidiosis in mammals or toxoplasmosis, amounts of 0.5 to 100 mg/kg body weight active compound are preferably administered daily to obtain the desired results. Nevertheless, it 15 may be necessary from time to time to depart from the amounts mentioned above, depending on the body weight of the experimental animal, the method of application, the animal species and its individual reaction to the drug or the kind of formulation or the time or 20 interval in which the drug is applied. In special cases, it may be sufficient to use less than the minimum amount given above, whilst in other cases the maximum dose may have to be exceeded. For a larger dose, it may be advisable to divide the dose into 25 several smaller single doses.

The invention also includes a novel compound of the general formula I as defined above for use in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium and 30 use of a novel compound of the general formula I as defined above for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium. Preferred compounds in this respect include compounds 35 of the general formula I in which Y represents a fluorine atom, Y represents a phenyl, dimethoxyphenyl or trimethoxyphenyl group or Y represents a

propylamino, fluorophenylamino, biphenylamino, benylamino, phenylethylamino, phenylmethoxycarbonylmethylamino or diethylamino group.

The invention also provides a method for treating
5 a disease caused by infection with a parasite other than an organism of the genus Plasmodium which comprises administering to a host in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the general formula I as first defined above. Preferably, the parasite is an organism of the genus Neospora or the genus Eimeria. A method for
10 treating a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium is also provided which comprises administering to a host in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a novel compound of the general formula I as defined above.
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The invention is further illustrated by the following examples.

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Example 1

Preparation of 10 β -fluoro-10-deoxodihydroartemisinin
(Formula I: Y = F)

A solution of dihydroartemisinin (1.136 g, 4 mmol) in dichloromethane (24 ml) was cooled to 0°C under nitrogen and diethylaminosulphur trifluoride (DAST) (0.6 ml, 4.8 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and then stirred under nitrogen for 24 hours. The yellow
25 solution was cooled again to 0°C, Na₂CO₃ solution (5%, 20 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. After this the two phases were separated and the organic layer was washed with 1 molar HCl, 5% NaHCO₃, and water and dried over MgSO₄.
30 Immediately after evaporating the solvent, the residue was purified twice by flash column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate/hexane), followed by recrystallisation
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from hexane (289 mg, 50.5%); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ ppm 0.97 (d, $J_{6-\text{Me},6}=6.1$ Hz, 3 H, 6- CH_3), 1.00 (d, $J_{9-\text{Me},9}=7.4$ Hz, 3 H, 9- CH_3), 1.13-1.47 (m, 3 H), 1.44 (s, 3 H, 3- CH_3), 1.47-1.72 (m, 4 H), 1.82-1.96 (m, 2 H), 2.05 (ddd, $J=14.6$ Hz, $J=4.9$ Hz, $J=3.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.39 (td, $J=13.5$ Hz, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (dm, $J_{9,\text{F}}=36.1$ Hz, 1 H, H-9), 5.60 (dd, $J_{10-\text{F}}=54.4$ Hz, $J_{10,9}=2.4$ Hz, 1 H, H-10), 5.56 (d, $J=1.83$ Hz, 1 H, H-12); ^{19}F NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = - 136.43 (dd, $J_{\text{F},10}=54.1$ Hz, $J_{\text{F},9}=36.0$ Hz); MS (CI): m/z (%) = 304 [M $^+$ +NH $_4^+$] (18), 286 [M $^+$], 284 [304-HF] (100), 267 (64), 256 (28), 239 (16), 221 (12), 163 (8), 52 (28).

Example 2

15 Preparation of 10 β - (phenyl)dihydroartemisinin (Formula I : Y = phenyl)

(a) Preparation of 10-(trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin (Formula II : O = -Si(CH $_3$) $_3$)

To a solution of dihydroartemisinin (1.51 g, 5.32 mmol) in pyridine (20 ml) at 0°C under nitrogen was added dropwise chlorotrimethylsilane (5.20 ml, mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 1 hour and poured into ice-water mixture. The solution was extracted with diethyl ether (3x15 ml), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10-(trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin as a white solid (1.47 g, 78%). δ_{H} 5.49 (1H, s, H-12), 5.19 (1H, d, $J = 3.05$ Hz, H-10), 2.52-2.62 (1H, m, H-9), 2.39 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.5$, 13.4, 4.01 Hz), 2.04 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.5$, 4.84, 3.05 Hz), 1.20-1.97 (9H, m), 1.45 (3H, s, H-14), 0.97 (3H, d, $J = 6.24$ Hz, H-16), 0.87 (3H, d, $J = 7.29$ Hz, H-15), 0.17 (9H, s, (CH $_3$) $_3\text{Si}$).

35 (b) Preparation of 10-bromoartemisinin (Formula I : Y = Br)

A solution of 10-(trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin

(372 mg, 1.04 mmol) prepared as described in (a) above in dichloromethane (5 ml) at 0° C was treated dropwise with bromotrimethylsilane (140 μ l, 1.06 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for a further 30 minutes to produce 10-bromoartemisinin in situ.

5 (c) Preparation of 10 β - (phenyl)dihydroartemisinin
(Formula I : Y = phenyl).

The solution prepared in (b) above was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in diethyl ether (5 ml). To this solution was added phenylmagnesium bromide (1.40 ml, 2.38 mmol, 1.7M) at 0°C under nitrogen. The mixture was then stirred at 0°C and then allowed to reach room temperature overnight. The solution was then quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution, dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; 8% ethyl acetate/hexanes to give 10 β - (phenyl)dihydroartemisinin (159mg, 45%) as a white solid. Recrystallisation from ether/hexane mixture gave a colourless rectangular crystal. M.p. 122°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} -36.0^\circ$ (c 0.47/ $CHCl_3$); ν_{max} (film) 2938, 2874, 1494, 1452, 1376, 1208, 1112, 1076, 1058, 1038, 1010, 954, 944, 904, 882, 852, 820, 740, 700; δ_H 7.19-7.34 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.75 (1H, d, $J = 6.70$ Hz, H-10), 5.60 (1H, s, H-12), 2.71-2.84 (1H, m, H-9), 2.31-2.42 (1H, m), 1.65-2.12 (5H, m), 1.28-1.60 (5H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.01 (1H, d, $J = 5.77$ Hz, H-16), 0.54 (1H, d, $J = 7.68$ Hz, H-15); δ_C 141.03, 127.67, 126.24, 126.09, 102.22, 90.82, 81.10, 72.99, 51.46, 43.45, 37.46, 36.64, 34.16, 32.08, 25.68, 24.88, 24.71, 19.85, 13.62; m/z (CI, CH_4) 345 ($M^{+}+1$, 14%), 327 (14), 299 (100); Anal.Calc. for $C_{21}H_{28}O_4$: C, 73.26; H, 8.14; Found: C, 73.58; H, 8.32.
nOe-difference experiment: irradiation of the doublet signal of H-10 at δ 5.75 gave 10% enhancement in the multiplet signal of H-9 at δ 2.75; this showed that the stereochemistry of H-10 and H-9 are syn to each

other.

Example 3

Preparation of 10α - (4'-fluorobenzylamino)dihydro-
5 artemisinin (Formula I : Y = $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$; R¹ = H; R² = 4-F
benzyl)

(a) Preparation of 10β - (trimethylsiloxy)dihydro-
artemisinin (Formula II : Q = $-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$)

To a solution of dihydroartemisinin (1.51 g, 5.32
10 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 ml) at 0°C under nitrogen
was added dropwise triethylamine (0.94 ml, 6.65 mmol)
and chlorotrimethylsilane (0.84 ml, 6.65 mmol). The
mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further
1 hour and poured into ice-water mixture. The aqueous
15 solution was extracted with dichloromethane (2x20 ml).
The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and
concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by
flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes)
to give a white 10β - (trimethylsiloxy)dihydro-
20 artemisinin as a white solid (1.48 g, 78%). δ_{H} 5.49
(1H, s, H-12), 5.19 (1H, d, J = 3.05 Hz, H-10),
2.52-2.62 (1H, m, H-9), 2.39 (1H, ddd, J = 17.5, 13.4,
4.01 Hz), 2.04 (1H, ddd, J = 14.5, 4.84, 3.05 Hz),
1.20-1.97 (9H, m), 1.45 (3H, s, H-14), 0.97 (3H, d, J
25 = 6.24 Hz, H-16), 0.87 (3H, d, J = 7.29 Hz, H-15),
0.17 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Si}$).

When the 10β - (trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin was
recrystallised in dichloromethane, it epimerised to
give the α -anomer completely. δ_{H} 5.32 (1H, s, H-12),
30 4.76 (1H, d, J 9.00 Hz, H-10), 2.25-2.45 (2H, m, H-8,
H-9), 2.01 (1H, m, H-4), 1.89 (1H, m, H-5), 1.18-1.79
(8H, m, H-2a, H-2b, H-3a, H-3b, H-6a, H-6b, H-7a, H-
7b), 1.31 (3H, s, 1- CH_3), 0.95 (3H, d, J 5.88 Hz, 9-
 CH_3), 0.86 (3H, d, J 7.14 Hz, 5- CH_3), 0.20 (9H, s,
35 Me_3Si) ppm.

(b) Preparation of 10α - (4'-fluorobenzylamino)dihydro-

artemisinin (Formula I : Y = -NR¹R²; R¹=H; R² = 4-F-benzyl)

A solution of 10-(trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin (214 mg, 0.600 mmol) prepared as described in (a) above in dichloromethane (5 ml) at 0°C was treated dropwise with bromotrimethylsilane (80 µl, 0.600 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for a further 30 minutes after which it was then transferred by cannula into a solution of 4-fluorobenzylamine (140µl 1.20 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (5 ml) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C and then allowed to reach room temperature overnight. The suspension was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂; 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10α-(4'-fluorobenzylamino)-dihydroartemisinin (76.9 mg, 33%) and 9,10-anhydro-dehydroartemisinin (84.7mg, 78%), both as white solids. M.p. 45.2-46.3°C δ_H 7.32-7.37 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.95-7.02 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.29 (1H, s, H-12), 4.10 (1H, d, J = 13.8 Hz, H-1'), 4.08 (1H, d, J = 9.76 Hz, H-10), 3.91 (1H, d, J =13.8 Hz, H-1'), 2.33-2.42 (2H, m), 1.85-2.07 (3H, m), 1.65-1.77 (2H, m), 1.03-1.75 (5H, m), 1.46 (3H, s, H-14), 0.96 (3H, d, J= 6.02 Hz, H-16), 0.93 (3H, d, J = 7.19 Hz, H15); δ_C 136.42 (d, J = 3.10 Hz), 129.30 (d, J = 7.97 Hz), 114.75 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 103.90, 91.35, 85.47, 80.60, 51.66, 47.50, 45.82, 37.23, 36.26, 34.03, 32.72, 26.03, 24.61, 21.70, 20.15, 14.06; δ_F -118; m/z (CI, CH₄) 392 (M⁺+1, 90%), 374 (54), 346 (100), 328 (20), 267 (16), 209 (16), 165 (26), 109 (18).

Example 4

Preparation of 10-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl)dihydroartemisinin (Formula I : Y = 2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)
(a) Preparation of 9,10-anhydroartemisinin
To a solution of dihydroartemisinin (500mg, 1.86 mmol)

in dichloromethane (28 ml) at 0°C under nitrogen was added 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine (37mg) and trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.79ml, 5.58 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solution was then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; ether:hexane from 0.5:9.5 to 1.5:8.5) to give 9,10-anhydroartemisinin (180 mg, 25%) as a white solid. M.p. 100°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20.5} + 155.74^\circ$ (c.0.0101 in CHCl_3), ν_{max} (film): 2948, 2922, 2862, 2850, 1684, 1432, 1372, 1334, 1198, 1178, 1158, 1142, 1114, 1078, 1028, 1016, 992, 954, 944, 904, 880, 828, 812; δ_H : 6.18 (1H, s, H-10), 5.54 (1H, s, H-12), 2.40 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.1, 13.2, 4.14$ Hz, H-9), 2.00-2.09 (2H, m), 1.88-1.95 (1H, m), 1.07-1.73 (8H, m), 1.58 (3H, d, $J = 1.37$ Hz, H-16), 1.42 (3H, s, H-14), 0.98 (3H, d, $J = 5.98$ Hz, H-15); m/z (EI) : 380 (M^+); Anal.Calc. for $C_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$: C, 67.67; H, 8.27; Found: C, 67.63; H, 8.51

nOe-difference experiment: (300 MHz, CDCl_3); irradiation of the singlet signal of H-10 at δ 6.18 gave no enhancement in the multiplet signal of H-9 at δ 2.05.

(b) Preparation of 10-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl)-dihydroartemisinin (Formula I : Y = 2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)

To a solution of 9,10-anhydroartemisin (191 mg, 0.71 mmol) prepared as described in (a) above and 1,3-dimethoxybenzene (130 μ l, 1.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at room temperature under nitrogen was added boron trifluoride dietherate (2 drops). The solution was stirred for a further 1 hour, and then quenched with 20% hydrochloric acid solution (5 ml). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20 ml), and the ether extracts were dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by

flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl)dihydroartemisinin (89.5, 44%) as a white solid. δ_{H} 7.56 (1H, brd, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H), 6.40-6.58 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.43 (1H, s, H₁₂), 5.42 (1H, s, H-12'), 5.16 (1H, d, J = 10.8 Hz, H-10), 4.96 (1H, d, J = 10.3 Hz, H-10'), 3.82, 3.78 (OMe), 2.37-2.48 (2H, m), 1.05-2.07 (10H, m), 1.63 (3H, s, H-14), 1.34 (3H, s, H-14'), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.22 Hz, H-16'), 0.90-0.93 (3H, m, H-15 & H-16), 0.59 (3H, d, J = 7.22 Hz, H-15'); m/z (CI, NH₃) 422 (M+NH₄⁺, 26%), 406 (84), 405 (M⁺+1, 54), 389 (80), 359 (100), 330 (30), 317 (40), 300 (14).

Example 5

15 Preparation of 10 α -(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthyl)dihydroartemisinin (Formula I:Y = 2-OH naphthyl)

(a) Preparation of 10 β -(2'naphthoxy)-dihydroartemisinin

To a solution of dihydroartemisinin (568mg, 2.00 mmol) and 2-naphthol (288 mg, 2.00 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 ml) was added triphenylphosphine (524 mg, 4.00 mmol) and diethyl azodicarboxylate (330 μ l, 2.00 mmol) at °C under nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The yellow solution was then concentrated in vacuo and the residue purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 ; 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10 β -(2'-naphthyloxy)dihydroartemisinin (185mg, 23%) as a white solid.

30 (b) Preparation of 10 α -(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthyl)-dihydroartemisinin

To a solution of 10 β -(2'-naphthoxy)dihydroartemisinin (232mg, 0.564 mmol) prepared as described in (a) above in dichloromethane (10 ml) was added boron trifluoride dietherate (220 μ l) at 0°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for a further 30 minutes. The solution was washed with 10% sodium hydrogen carbonate solution (2 x 5 ml), dried

(MgSO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂; 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10 α -(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthyl)-dihydroartemisinin as a white solid (72.7 mg). δ_H 8.91 (1H, s, OH), 7.28-7.91 (6H, m, Ar-H), 5.57 (1H, s, H-12), 3.11-3.19 (1H, m), 1.28-2.55 (11H, m), 1.51 (3H, s, H-14), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 5.96 Hz, H-16), 0.63 (3H, d, J = 7.23 Hz, H-16).

10 Example 6

Preparation of 10 α -(thiomorpholino)dihydroartemisinin
(Formula I : Y =thiomorpholino)

Reaction of bromide prepared from 10-(trimethylsiloxy)dihydroartemisinin (356 mg, 1.00 mmol) as described in Example 3(b) above with thiomorpholine (300 μ l, 3.00 mmol) afforded 10 α -(thiomorpholino)-dihydroartemisinin (243 mg, 66%) as a white solid after flash chromatography (8% ethyl acetate/hexanes). M.p. 147.0-147.6°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ + 17° (c 0.021/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2924, 2872, 1454, 1418, 1376, 1326, 1278, 1226, 1198, 1184, 1154, 1130, 1100, 1056, 1038, 1018, 988, 940, 926, 880, 850, 828, 756; δ_H 5.23 (1H, s, H-12), 3.93 (1H, d, J=10.21 Hz, H-10), 3.20-3.28 (2H, m), 2.85-2.93 (2H, m), 2.53-2.68 (5H, m), 2.25-2.36 (1H, m), 1.93-2.01 (1H, m), 1.78-1.86 (1H, m), 1.63-1.70 (2H, m), 1.14-1.52 (5H, m), 1.36 (3H, s, H-14), 0.90-1.04 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, J=6.14 Hz, H-16), 0.76 (3H, d, J=7.18 Hz, H-15); δ_C : 103.70, 92.28, 91.42, 80.11, 51.54, 50.39, 45.66, 37.19, 36.14, 34.12, 28.15, 25.84, 24.59, 21.44, 20.15, 13.41; m/z (CI, NH₃) 370 (M'+1, 100), 324 (70), 310 (10): Anal. Calc. for C₁₉H₃₁NO₄S: C, 61.76; H, 8.46; N, 3.79%; found C, 62.04; H, 8.39; N, 3.65.

35 Example 7

Preparation of 10 α -(4'-morpholinosulphonyl)-dihydroartemisinin (Formula I : Y =

4-morpholinosulphonyl)

To a solution of 10 α -(thiomorpholino)-dihydroartemisinin (388 mg, 1.05 mmol) prepared as described in Example 6 above in dichloromethane (10 ml) at room temperature under nitrogen was added NMO (369 mg, 3.15 mmol), powder molecular sieve (525 mg, 4 Å), and TPAP (18.5 mg, cat.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight after which it was filtered through a pad of SiO₂ and the residue was washed with ethyl acetate (3x15 ml). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂; 35% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give 10 α -(4'-morpholinosulphonyl)-dihydroartemisinin as a white solid (421 mg, 100%).

M.p. 152.3-152.7°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 13^\circ$ (c 0.035/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2928, 2872, 1454, 1378, 1308, 1270, 1228, 1198, 1124, 1040, 1018, 976, 940, 878, 846, 826, 752, 704, 666; δ_H : 5.27 (1H, s, H-12), 4.21 (1H, d, J=10.30 Hz, H-10), 3.18-3.46, (8H, m), 2.54-2.62 (1H, m), 2.28-2.36 (1H, m), 1.20-2.02 (9H, m), 1.35 (3H, s, H-14), 0.92-1.06 (1H, m), 0.93 (3H, d, J=5.99 Hz, H-15), 0.78 (3H, J=7.13 Hz, H-16); δ_C : 174.20, 104.09, 91.92, 90.84, 90.04, 51.74, 51.27, 46.88, 45.46, 37.29, 36.02, 34.04, 28.91, 25.76, 24.66, 21.45, 20.10, 13.31; m/z (CI, NH₃) 402 (M⁺+1, 100), 373 (30), 356 (64), 342 (16), 356 (20); Anal. Calc. for C₁₉H₃₁NO₆S: C, 56.84; H, 7.78; N, 3.49; found: C, 56.83; H, 7.82; N, 3.37.

30 Examples 8 to 43

By processes similar to those described in Examples 1 to 7 above, further compounds according to the invention were prepared as detailed in Table I below. In this table, the compounds are identified by reference to formula I.

Table I

Ex. No.	χ	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
8	2',4,6-(-OCH ₃) ₃ ; phenyl mixture of isomers	-	-	White foam. [α] _D ²⁰ +49.51° (C. 0.053 in CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (Neat): 2936, 2872, 1608, 1496, 1456, 1420, 1374, 1330, 1278, 1224, 1204, 1152, 1120, 1050, 1040, 974, 954, 930, 902, 880, 856, 834, 814, 734, 702 cm ⁻¹ ; δ _H 6.10-6.18 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.46 (1H, s, H12), 5.38 (1H, s, H-12'), 5.31 (1H, d, J = 10.4 Hz, H-10), 5.07 (1H, d, J = 10.9 Hz, H-10'), 3.88, 3.81, 3.80, 3.76 (One), 3.36-3.42 (1H, m), 2.35-2.41 (1H, m), 1.05-2.15 (10H, m), 1.63 (3H, s, H-14), 1.39 (3H, s, H-14'), 0.99 (3H, d, J = 6.27 Hz, H-16'), 0.88-0.93 (3H, m, H-15 & H-16), 0.58 (3H, d, J = 7.26 Hz, H-15'); m/z (CI, NH ₃) 452 (M+NH ₄ , 4%), 436 (16), 435 (M ⁺ +1, 12), 419 (100), 389 (74), 347 (28).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
9	2-naphthyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	White solid. M.p. 145-146°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: -67.8° (c 0.027/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2950, 2874, 1510, 1452, 1376, 1208, 1106, 1074, 1040, 1010, 954, 936, 886, 854, 824, 786, 750; δ_H 7.80-7.85 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.42-7.51 (3H, m, Ar-H), 5.93 (1H, d, J = 6.59 Hz, H-10), 5.67 (1H, s, H-12), 2.81-2.94 (1H, m, H-9), 2.33-2.48 (1H, m), 0.86-2.13 (10H, m), 1.42 (3H, s, H-14), 1.02 (1H, d, J = 6.09 Hz, H-16), 0.55 (1H, d, J = 7.66 Hz, H-15); δ_C 134.85, 127.82, 127.42, 127.12, 125.65, 125.17, 124.84, 124.26, 90.92, 73.04, 51.48, 43.44, 37.48, 36.64, 34.15, 32.10, 25.69, 24.89, 24.77, 19.85, 13.65; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 395 (M ⁺ , 16%), 394 (M ⁺ , 32), 362 (44), 349 (84), 331 (16), 304 (20), 291 (26), 182 (100), 168 (60). Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₅ H ₃₀ O ₄ : C, 76.11; H, 7.66; found: C, 76.24; H, 7.69.
10	2-OCH ₃ phenyl (10α-isomer)	-	-	Colourless oil. δ_H 6.83-7.50 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.94 (1H, d, J = 6.65 Hz, H-10), 5.58 (1H, s, H-12), 3.84 (3H, s, OCH ₃), 2.86-2.99 (1H, m, H-9), 2.30-2.40 (1H, m), 1.19-2.11 (10H, m), 1.39 (3H, s, H-14), 1.01 (1H, d, J = 5.77 Hz, H-16), 0.43 (1H, d, J = 7.64 Hz, H-15); δ_C 134.85, 127.00, 126.37, 120.02, 109.19, 90.86, 68.63, 55.19, 51.30, 43.39, 37.53, 36.72, 34.21, 29.87, 25.68, 24.97, 24.75, 19.83, 13.45; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 375 (M ⁺ , 12%), 374 (M ⁺ , 16), 342 (100), 329 (48), 311 (14), 284 (28), 182 (56), 148 (76), 137 (60), 121 (48).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
11	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	phenyl	White solid. M.P. 159-160°C; [α] _D ²⁰ -51.4° (C 0.35/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 3348, 2924, 2872, 1604, 1502, 1444, 1376, 1314, 1270, 1196, 1152, 1116, 1098, 1040, 1012, 994, 944, 926, 878, 856, 826, 748, 690; δ_{H} 7.17-7.22 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.75-6.87 (3H, m, Ar-H), 5.45 (1H, s, H-12), 4.85 (1H, dd, J = 9.86, 9.81 Hz, H-10), 4.32 (1H, d, J = 9.81 Hz, NH), 2.49-2.61 (1H, m, H-9), 2.35-2.45 (1H, m), 2.00-2.08 (1H, m), 1.74-1.92 (4H, m), 1.26-1.65 (7H, m), 1.42 (3H, s, H-14), 1.05-1.10 (1H, m), 1.01 (3H, d, J = 6.18 Hz, H-16), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 7.18 Hz, H-15); δ_{C} 128.99, 118.56, 114.02, 91.08, 80.70, 80.39, 51.71, 45.76, 37.18, 36.26, 34.03, 32.71, 25.97, 24.60, 21.79, 20.17, 13.80; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 360 (M ⁺ +1, 56%), 359 (M ⁺ , 56%), 342 (98), 324 (20), 314 (100), 296 (98), 267 (50), 249 (22), 221 (80), 163 (40), 133 (100), 94 (38).
12	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-F phenyl	White solid. M.P. 170.1°C; ν_{max} (Nujol); 3358 (ν_{cm}), 2924, 2854, 1512, 1460, 1378, 1264, 1216, 1194, 1116, 1099, 1046, 1022, 942, 924, 880, 846, 832, 810, 780 cm ⁻¹ , δ_{H} 6.66-6.92 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.44 (1H, s, H-12), 4.76 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 10.0 Hz, H-10), 4.32 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, NH), 2.49-2.61 (1H, m, H-9), 2.40 (1H, ddd, J = 17.3, 13.4, 3.93 Hz), 2.05 (1H, ddd, J = 14.6, 4.79, 3.07 Hz), 1.05-1.97 (9H, m), 1.42 (3H, s, H-14), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.11 Hz, H-16), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 7.18 Hz, H-15); δ_{C} 141.95, 115.34 (d, J = 17.7 Hz), 115.15 (d, J = 2.69 Hz), 104.13, 91.10 (d, J = 2.22 Hz), 81.41, 80.41, 51.69, 45.73, 37.29, 36.25, 34.01, 32.60, 25.94, 24.60, 21.79, 20.17, 13.81; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 378 (M ⁺ +1, 44%), 377 (M ⁺ , 100%), 358 (70), 314 (14), 267 (26), 221 (18), 163 (34), 151 (42), 111 (6).

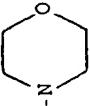
Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
13	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-Cl phenyl	White solid. M.p. 179.0°C; [α] _D ²⁰ -63.5° (c 0.20/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film): 3346, 2926, 2874, 1604, 1514, 1494, 1454, 1378, 1268, 1196, 1152, 1094, 1040, 1012, 992, 944, 926, 878, 818, 756; δ _{NMR} 7.09-7.14 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.66-6.71 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.44 (1H, s, H-12), 4.78 (1H, brs, H-10), 4.42 (1H, brs, NH), 2.49-2.61 (1H, m, H-9), 2.40 (1H, ddd, J = 17.4, 13.5, 3.98 Hz), 2.05 (1H, ddd, J = 14.6, 4.78, 3.12 Hz), 1.05-1.97 (9H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.12 Hz, H-16), 0.94 (3H, d, J = 7.18 Hz, H-15); δ _C 144.31, 128.76, 123.20, 115.28, 104.15, 91.09, 80.76, 80.38, 51.66, 45.67, 37.28, 36.23, 33.99, 32.56, 25.93, 24.59, 21.78, 20.16, 13.73; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 393 (M ⁺ , 16%), 376 (8), 347 (20), 330 (16), 267 (10), 221 (16), 167 (100), 127 (8). Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₁ H ₂₆ ClNO ₄ : C, 64.03; H, 7.16; N, 3.55; Found C, 64.16; H, 7.40; N, 3.45.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
14	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-Br phenyl	<p>White solid. M.P. 183.1°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -60.0° (c 0.23/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3346, 2924, 2872, 1598, 1514, 1492, 1452, 1378, 1268, 1196, 1152, 1122, 1094, 1040, 1012, 992, 926, 878, 816, 756; δH 7.20-7.25 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.61-6.66 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.44 (1H, s, H-12), 4.78 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 9.95 Hz, H-10), 4.48 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, NH), 2.49-2.61 (1H, m, H-9), 2.40 (1H, ddd, J = 14.0, 13.7, 3.87 Hz), 1.05-2.08 (10H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.07 Hz, H-16), 0.94 (3H, d, J = 7.15 Hz, H-15); δ_c 144.79, 131.61, 115.76, 110.32, 104.17, 91.09, 80.65, 80.39, 51.67, 45.67, 37.29, 36.24, 33.99, 32.54, 25.92, 24.60, 21.78, 20.17, 13.71; m/z (CI, CH₄) 439 (M⁺, 12%), 422 (14), 392 (100), 376 (36), 267 (14), 221 (50), 154 (34). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃BrNO: C, 57.54; H, 6.44; N, 3.19; Found: C, 57.81; H, 6.64; N, 3.14.</p>
15	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-I phenyl	<p>White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -68.8° (c 0.16/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3346, 2924, 1592, 1510, 1454, 1378, 1268, 1196, 1040, 994, 926, 878, 818, 754; δ_n 7.36-7.41 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.51-6.56 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.43 (1H, s, H-12), 4.78 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 9.97 Hz, H-10), 4.56 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, NH), 2.34-2.56 (2H, m, H-9), 1.05-2.08 (10H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.04 Hz, H-16), 0.93 (3H, d, J = 7.13 Hz, H-15); δ_c 145.46, 137.45, 116.35, 104.18, 91.09, 80.46, 79.59, 51.66, 45.66, 37.29, 36.25, 34.00, 32.50, 25.91, 24.61, 21.79, 20.19, 13.71; m/z (CI, CH₄) 486 (M⁺, 4%), 485 (M⁺, 6), 468 (12), 440 (100), 422 (34), 267 (6), 259 (20), 221 (20).</p>

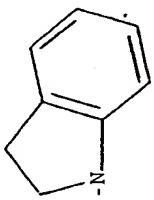
Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
16	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-biphenyl	White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -76.5° (C 0.51/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 3348, 2924, 2872, 1614, 1528, 1488, 1446, 1378, 1268, 1196, 1152, 1128, 1040, 1012, 992, 926, 878, 826, 760, 698; δ_H 7.25-7.58 (7H, m, Ar-H), 6.82-6.87 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.49 (1H, s, H-12), 4.90 (1H, dd, J = 9.85, 9.85 Hz, H-10), 4.50 (1H, d, J = 9.85 Hz, NH), 2.36-2.62 (2H, m), 1.07-2.09 (10H, m), 1.44 (3H, s, H-14), 1.02 (3H, d, J = 6.12 Hz, H-16), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 7.17 Hz, H-15); δ_c 145.22, 141.16, 131.53, 128.45, 127.71, 126.29, 125.98, 114.30, 104.14, 91.14, 80.67, 80.42, 51.72, 45.76, 37.30, 36.27, 34.04, 21.68, 25.98, 24.62, 21.81, 20.19, 13.81; m/z (CI, CH ₄) : 436 (M ⁺ , 2%), 412 (100), 395 (42), 379 (8), 284 (2), 267 (2), 170 (2).
17	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	benzyl	White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -26.7° (C 0.15/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 3348, 2924, 2870, 1452, 1376, 1158, 1116, 1056, 1042, 1014, 992, 942, 926, 878, 828, 736, 700; δ_H 7.21-7.42 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.32 (1H, s, H-12), 4.17 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz, H-1'), 4.13 (1H, d, J = 9.63 Hz, H-10), 3.97 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz, H-1'), 2.29-2.45 (2H, m), 2.29 (1H, brs, NH), 2.01-2.09 (1H, m), 1.86-1.95 (1H, m), 1.65-1.78 (2H, m), 1.44-1.59 (2H, m), 1.48 (3H, s, H-14), 1.22-1.40 (3H, m), 0.91-1.09 (1H, m), 0.97 (3H, d, J = 5.94 Hz, H-16), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 7.14 Hz, H-15); δ_c 140.82, 128.03, 127.84, 126.45, 103.91, 91.39, 85.68, 80.65, 51.69, 48.21, 45.86, 37.24, 36.29, 34.07, 32.77, 26.07, 24.63, 21.73, 30.19, 14.12; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 374 (M ⁺ , 100%), 356 (54), 338 (42), 328 (38), 309 (12), 253 (16), 221 (10), 119 (16). Anal. Calc. for C ₂₂ H ₂₁ NO ₄ : C, 70.75; H, 8.37; N, 3.75; Found: C, 70.78; H, 8.82; N, 3.75.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
18	-N(R ¹)R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	2-F benzyl	White solid. M.P. 47.4-48.7°C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -16.9° (C 1.46/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 3336, 2924, 2872, 1584, 1486, 1454, 1376, 1226, 1196, 1158, 1116, 1056, 1042, 1014, 994, 926, 878, 826, 756; δ_H 6.99-7.50 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.34 (1H, s, H-12), 4.21 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz, H-1'), 4.15 (1H, d, J = 6.72 Hz, H-10), 3.99 (1H, d, J = 14.5 Hz, H-1'), 2.35-2.45 (2H, m), 0.90-2.08 (10H, m), 1.47 (3H, s, H-14), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 5.99 Hz, H-16), 0.94 (3H, d, J = 7.16 Hz, H-15); δ_C 129.63 (d, J = 4.79 Hz), 127.94 (d, J = 8.05 Hz), 123.64 (d, J = 3.40 Hz), 114.89 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 103.90, 91.35, 86.03, 80.59, 51.69, 45.86, 41.96 (d, J = 3.53 Hz), 37.26, 36.28, 34.08, 32.66, 26.02, 24.62, 21.72, 20.17, 14.00; δ_F -120; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 392 (M ⁺), 374 (46), 346 (100), 328 (34), 267 (2), 221 (4), 209 (6), 165 (82), 154 (50), 109 (42). Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₂ H ₃₀ NO ₄ F: C, 67.50; H, 7.72; N, 3.58; found C, 67.75, H, 7.92; N, 3.49.
19	-N(R ¹)R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	3, 5-(CF ₃) ₂ benzyl	Colourless oil. M.P. 51.0-52.8°C; δ_H 7.88 (2H, brs, Ar-H), 7.56 (1H, brs, Ar-H), 5.31 (1H, s, H-12), 4.24 (1H, d, J = 15.1 Hz, H-1'), 4.12 (1H, d, J = 15.1 Hz, H-1'), 4.06 (1H, d, J = 9.82 Hz, H-10), 2.34-2.45 (2H, m), 0.90-2.09 (10H, m), 1.47 (3H, s, H-14), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 7.26 Hz, H-15), 0.97 (3H, d, J = 4.94 Hz, H-16); δ_F -64.1; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 510 (M ⁺), 48%, 490 (100), 464 (74), 441 (38), 283 (24), 267 (30), 244 (10), 221 (20), 163 (22).

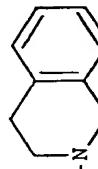
Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
20	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	- ⁿ C ₃ H ₇	White solid. M.p. 96.1-97.3°C (changed colour before melting); [α] _D ²⁰ +24.8° (C 0.33/CHCl ₃); ν _{max} (film) 3304, 2952, 2924, 2870, 1492, 1454, 1378, 1208, 1160, 1118, 1042, 1012, 974, 942, 922, 878, 844, 828, 754; δ _H 5.31 (1H, s, H-12), 4.11 (1H, d, J = 9.78 Hz, H-10), 2.95 (1H, ddd, J = 11.4, 8.07, 6.55 Hz, CH ₂ NH), 2.61 (1H, ddd, J = 11.4, 8.07, 6.45 Hz, CH ₂ NH), 2.26-2.43 (2H, m), 2.03 (1H, ddd, J = 14.5, 4.54, 2.49 Hz), 1.84-1.93 (1H, m), 1.00-1.83 (10H, m), 1.44 (3H, s, H-14), 0.97 (3H, d, J = 6.10 Hz, H-16), 0.92 (3H, t, J = 7.36 Hz, CH ₃), 0.89 (3H, d, J = 7.18 Hz, H-15); δ _C 103.82, 91.34, 86.17, 51.69, 46.27, 45.88, 37.27, 36.27, 34.10, 32.49, 26.04, 24.61, 23.49, 21.72, 20.19, 14.03, 11.62; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 326 (M ⁺ , 100%), 308 (56), 280 (48), 221 (16), 163 (18). Anal. Calcd. for C ₁₈ H ₃₃ NO ₄ : C, 66.43; H, 9.60; N, 4.36; Found: C, 66.17, H, 9.68; N, 4.20.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
21	morpholino 	-	-	White solid. M.p. 121.2°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +15.3^\circ$ (c 0.30/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2924, 2850, 1450, 1376, 1294, 1258, 1202, 1158, 1110, 1056, 984, 930, 880, 846, 826, 744; δ_{H} 5.29 (1H, s, H-12), 3.99 (1H, d, J = 10.23 Hz, H-10), 3.63-3.76 (4H, m, O(CH ₂) ₂), 2.96-3.03 (2H, m, CH ₂ NCH ₂), 2.64-2.71 (2H, m, CH ₂ NCH ₂), 2.53-2.61 (1H, m, H-9), 2.31-2.41 (1H, m), 1.00-2.06 (10H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.14 Hz, H-16), 0.83 (3H, d, J = 7.18 Hz, H-15); δ_c 103.74, 91.48, 90.51, 80.16, 67.25, 51.57, 47.52, 45.66, 37.25, 36.16, 34.14, 28.04, 25.84, 24.62, 21.50, 20.14, 13.25; m/z (EI) 353 (M ⁺ , 6), 294 (4), 236 (4), 221 (16), 209 (12), 163 (14), 127 (32), 116 (100), 88 (24). Anal. Calcd. for C ₁₉ H ₂₁ NO ₂ : C, 64.56; H, 8.84; N, 3.96%; Found: C, 64.67; H, 9.10; N, 3.90.
22	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-C ₂ H ₅	-C ₂ H ₅	White solid. δ_{H} 5.37 (1H, s, H-12), 4.76 (d, J = 7.54 Hz, H-10), 2.80-3.03 (4H, m, N(CH ₂ CH ₂) ₂), 2.29-2.44 (1H, m, H-9), 0.94-1.89 (11H, m), 1.53 (3H, s, H-14), 1.14 (6H, dd, J = 7.20, 7.12 Hz, N(CH ₂ CH ₂) ₂), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 7.23 Hz, H-15), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 5.72 Hz, H-16); δ_c 105.33, 96.11, 81.43, 51.68, 45.23, 41.48, 35.12, 34.52, 33.96, 29.56, 23.77, 22.24, 21.88, 18.52, 15.56, 11.50, m/z (CI, CH ₄): 340 (M ⁺ 1, 52%), 251 (100), 221 (26).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
23	indolinyl	-	-	<p>White solid. M.p. 147.8-148.2°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -11.6° (C 0.19/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2926, 2872, 1606, 1488, 1462, 1376, 1258, 1200, 1158, 1126, 1040, 1010, 926, 880, 828, 746, 718; δ_H 7.03-7.09 (2H, m, Ar-H), 6.60-6.71 (2H, m, Ar-H), 5.44 (1H, s, H-12), 4.98 (1H, d, J = 10.4 Hz, H-10), 3.79 (1H, apdt, J = 10.4, 9.08 Hz, ArCH₂), 3.56 (1H, apdt, J = 9.08, 4.36 Hz, ArCH₂), 2.94-3.12 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.67-2.79 (1H, m, H-9), 2.39 (1H, ddd, J = 14.3, 13.3, 3.94 Hz), 2.03 (1H, ddd, J = 14.5, 4.73, 2.97 Hz), 1.75-1.95 (4H, m), 1.06-1.69 (6H, m), 1.38 (3H, s, H-14), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 6.17 Hz, H-16), 0.94 (3H, d, J = 7.16 Hz, H-15); δ_C 150.51, 130.18, 126.92, 124.57, 118.19, 107.47, 103.90, 91.46, 81.53, 80.05, 51.58, 45.61, 44.83, 37.28, 36.20, 34.12, 29.75, 27.99, 25.83, 24.61, 21.51, 20.16, 13.30; m/z (CI, CH₄) 386 (M⁺+1, 100), 340 (50), 326 (14), 267 (6). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂: C, 71.66; H, 8.10; N, 3.63; Found: C, 71.45; H, 8.07; N, 3.57.</p>



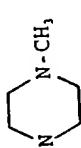
(10α-isomer)

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
24	1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolinyl 	-	-	White solid. M.P. 125.3-126.6°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +14.7° (C 0.19/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2924, 2870, 1452, 1376, 1278, 1200, 1154, 1130, 1100, 1040, 1014, 982, 926, 880, 826, 742; δ_H 7.07-7.15 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.36 (1H, s, H-12), 4.26 (1H, d, J = 10.2 Hz, H-10), 4.20 (1H, d, J = 15.2 Hz, ArCH ₂ N), 3.97 (1H, d, J = 15.2 Hz, ArCH ₂ N), 3.26-3.36 (1H, m, ArCH ₂), 2.70-3.00 (4H, m, 3H-CH ₂ CH ₂ N & 1H), 2.40 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 13.6, 3.93 Hz), 2.00-2.07 (1H, m), 1.86-1.95 (1H, m), 1.71-1.81 (2H, m), 1.19-1.65 (4H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.02-1.12 (1H, m), 0.99 (3H, d, J = 6.09 Hz, H-16), 0.87 (3H, d, J = 7.19 Hz, H-15); δ_C 135.74, 134.94, 128.55, 126.59, 125.45, 125.21, 103.76, 91.61, 90.60, 80.31, 51.64, 49.18, 45.82, 45.65, 37.29, 36.21, 34.20, 29.89, 28.66, 25.88, 24.67, 21.53, 20.19, 13.46; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 400 (M ⁺ 1, 100), 398 (22), 354 (54), 340 (20), 267 (4), 162 (44), 134 (14).
25	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α ,1'S-isomer)	-H	-CH(CH ₃)phenyl	White solid. M.P. 55.4-57.5°C; δ_H 7.20-7.42 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.13 (1H, s, H-12), 4.45 (1H, q, J = 6.62 Hz, H-1'), 3.77 (1H, d, J = 9.79 Hz, H-10), 2.23-2.43 (2H, m), 2.03 (1H, ddd, J = 14.5, 4.73, 3.08 Hz), 0.96-1.88 (9H, m), 1.48 (3H, s, H-14), 1.31 (3H, d, J = 6.62 Hz, CH ₃), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 5.94 Hz, H-16), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 7.14 Hz, H-15); δ_C 146.07, 128.01, 126.96, 126.39, 103.81, 91.38, 83.80, 80.70, 52.37, 51.71, 45.82, 37.08, 36.30, 33.95, 33.40, 26.11, 25.53, 24.57, 21.64, 20.14, 14.22, m/z (CI, CH ₄) 388 (M ⁺ 1, 100%), 370 (22), 342 (64), 267 (8), 221 (10).

Ex. No.	γ	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
26	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α ,1'R-isomer)	-H	-CH(CH ₃)phenyl	White solid. δ_{H} 7.20-7.43 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.36 (1H, s, H-12), 4.44 (1H, q, J = 6.41 Hz, H-2, H-1'), 4.31 (1H, d, J = 9.70 Hz, H-10), 2.21 2.40 (2H, m), 2.00-2.08 (1H, m), 1.02-1.95 (9H, m), 1.45 (3H, s, H-14), 1.31 (3H, d, J = 6.41 Hz, CH ₃), 0.99 (3H, d, J = 6.18 Hz, H-16), 0.93 (3H, d, J = 7.16 Hz, H-15); δ_{C} 147.01, 128.06, 127.01, 126.59, 103.85, 91.33, 83.03, 80.56, 51.72, 51.51, 45.92, 37.29, 36.28, 34.14, 33.09, 26.01, 24.66, 22.35, 21.83, 20.21, 14.22; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 388 (M ⁺ 1, 100%), 370 (56), 342 (42), 309 (30), 267 (18), 253 (32), 221 (20), 119 (34).
27	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α ,1'R-isomer)	-H	-CH(CO-OCH ₃)phenyl	Colourless oil. ν_{max} (Neat): 3342 (ν_{NH}), 2926, 2827, 1742 ($\nu_{\text{C=O}}$, ester), 1602, 1494, 1452, 1376, 1246, 1198, 1158, 1130, 1042, 1014, 994, 928, 880, 844, 826, 736, 700 cm ⁻¹ ; ¹ H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ_{H} 7.21-7.50 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.13 (1H, s, H-12), 4.94 (1H, s, H-2'), 3.85 (1H, d, J 9.81 Hz, H-10), 3.65 (3H, s, OMe), 2.74 (1H, br.s., NH), 2.35 (1H, m, H-9), 1.05-2.07 (11H, m, H-2 x 2, H-3 x 2, H-4, H-5, H-6 x 2, H-7 x 2, H-8), 1.47 (3H, s, 1-CH ₃), 0.90 (6H, d x 2, signals overlap, 5-CH ₃ , 9-CH ₃) ppm; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 432 (M ⁺ 1, 96%), 386 (100), 372 (44), 312 (14), 267 (24), 221 (28), 166 (96). Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₄ H ₃₃ NO ₆ : C, 66.80; H, 7.71; N, 3.24; Found: C, 66.98; H, 7.53; N, 3.05.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
28	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α ,1'S-isomer)	-H	-CH(CO-OCH ₃)phenyl	<p>¹H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H 7.28-7.51 (5H, m, Ar-H), 5.22 (1H, s, H-12), 5.04 (1H, s, H-2'), 4.28 (1H, d, J 9.81 Hz, H₂, H-10), 3.68 (3H, s, OMe), 2.57 (1H, br.s., NH), 2.29-2.44 (1H, m, H-9), 0.96-2.44 (1H, m, H-2 x 2, H-3 x 2, H-4, H-5, H-6 x 2, H-7 x 2, H-8), 1.43 (3H, s, 1-CH₃), 0.97 (3H, d, J 6.11 Hz, H-15), 0.90 (3H, d, J 7.16 Hz, H-16) ppm; m/z (CI, CH₄) 432 (M⁺+1, 90%), 386 (100), 372 (50).</p>
29	-NR ¹ R ² (10 α -isomer)	-H	4-(CO-OCH ₃)phenyl	<p>White solid. M.P. 117.7-118.5°C; [α]_D²⁰ -84.1 (C 0.82/CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3344, 2948, 1710, 1608, 1528, 1434, 1378, 1270, 1178, 1110, 1040, 1012, 926, 878, 842, 768; δ_H 6.66-7.76 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.46 (1H, s, H-12), 5.06 (1H, d, J=9.96 Hz, NH), 4.88 (1H, dd, J=9.89, Hz, H-10), 3.83 (3H, s, OMe), 2.56-2.60 (1H, m), 2.33-2.42 (1H, m), 0.85-2.04 (10H, m), 1.39 (3H, s, H-14), 0.99 (3H, d, J=6.09 Hz, H-15), 0.92 (3H, d, J=7.11 Hz, H-16; δ_C: 167.06, 149.99, 131.04, 119.64, 113.01, 104.30, 91.21, 80.49, 80.02, 51.70, 51.40, 45.67, 37.34, 36.20, 34.04, 32.50, 25.92, 24.66, 21.84, 20.94, 20.22, 14.10, 13.67; m/z (CI, CH₄) 418 (M⁺+1, 32), 400 (6), 372 (100), 358 (8), 221 (28), 152 (26).</p>

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
30	-NR ¹ R ² (α -isomer)	-H	cyclopentyl	White solid. M.p. 114.1-114.9°C; [α] _D ²⁰ : -1.6° (c 0.98/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 3314, 2950, 2870, 1446, 1376, 1198, 1154, 1114, 1098, 1042, 1014, 976, 944, 924, 878, 860, 826, 754; δ_H : 5.29 (1H, s, H-12), 4.08 (1H, d, J=9.76 Hz, H-10), 3.52-3.60 (1H, m, H-1'), 2.23-2.41 (2H, m), 1.24-2.05 (17H, m), 1.43 (3H, s, H-14), 0.84-1.11 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, J=6.15 Hz, H-15), 0.85 (3H, d, J=7.17 Hz, H-16); δ_C 103.91, 91.44, 85.08, 80.77, 54.33, 51.84, 46.01, 37.38, 36.40, 34.23, 34.20, 33.11, 32.70, 26.17, 24.74, 23.63, 21.89, 20.31, 14.30; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 352 (M ⁺ +1, 14), 334 (10), 306 (100), 288 (14), 251 (4), 221 (4), 125 (10);
31	-NR ¹ R ² (α -isomer)	-H	cyclohexyl	White solid. δ_H 5.28 (1H, s, H-12), 4.17 (1H, d, J= 9.69 Hz, H-10), 2.93-3.00 (1H, m H-1'), 2.16-2.41 (2H, m), 0.84-2.03 (19H, m), 1.42 (3H, s, H-14), 0.95 (3H, d, J=6.11 Hz, H-15), 0.85 (3H, d, J=7.18 Hz, H-16); δ_C 103.87, 91.36, 83.36, 80.70, 51.84, 50.94, 46.04, 37.36, 36.38, 34.58, 34.21, 33.18, 32.79, 26.29, 26.12, 24.75, 24.71, 24.27, 21.88, 20.29, 14.29, 14.39; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 366 (M ⁺ +1, 10), 348 (10), 329 (100), 318 (12), 221 (4), 139 (8); Anal.Calcd. for C ₂₁ H ₃₅ NO ₂ : C, 69.01; H, 9.65; N, 3.83; found: C, 68.85, H, 9.85; N, 3.80.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
32	N-methyl-piperazino  (10 α -isomer)	-	-	Brownish yellow solid. M.P. 112-114°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} +12.95^\circ$ (c. 0.0149 in CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (Neatt): 2934, 2872, 2792, 1454, 1376, 1286, 1226, 1192, 1162, 1132, 1102, 1054, 1014, 984, 926, 880, 830 cm ⁻¹ ; ¹ H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl ₃), δ_H , 5.26 (1H, s, H-12), 4.02 (1H, d, J 10.20 Hz, H-10), 3.03 (2H, m, H-6'a, H-6'b), 2.70 (2H, m, H-2'a, H-2'b), 2.59 (1H, m, H-9), 2.30-2.50 (5H, m, H-8, H-3'a, H-3'b, H-5'a, H-5'b), 2.28 (3H, s, N-Me), 1.18-2.05 (10H, m, H-2a, H-2b, H-3a, H-3b, H-4, H-5, H-6a, H-6b, H-7a, H-7b), 1.36 (3H, s, 1-CH ₃), 0.94 (3H, d, J 6.12 Hz, 9-CH ₃), 0.80 (3H, d, J 7.17 Hz, 5-CH ₃) ppm; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 367 ([M+1] ⁺ , 100), 321 ([M-3CH ₃] ⁺ , 26).
33	4-vinylphenyl (10 β -isomer)	-	-	White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20} -64.6^\circ$ (C 0.028/CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2948, 2876, 1630, 1512, 1452, 1406, 1376, 1200, 1116, 1074, 1010, 944, 904, 882, 844, 788, 756; δ_H : 7.37 (2H, d, J=8.26 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27 (2H, d, J=8.26 Hz, Ar-H), 6.71 (1H, dd, J=1.7, 6.2, 10.90 Hz, vinyl-H), 5.69-5.76 (2H, m, vinyl-H, H-10), 5.57 (1H, s, H-12), 5.20 (1H, d, J=10.90 Hz, vinyl-H), 2.71-2.78 (1H, m), 2.28-2.38 (1H, m), 1.17-2.09 (9H, m), 1.38 (3H, s, H-14), 0.83-0.99 (1H, m), 0.98 (3H, d, J=5.74 Hz, H-15), 0.54 (3H, d, J=7.67 Hz, H-16); δ_C : 140.91, 136.75, 135.74, 126.36, 125.72, 113.09, 102.40, 90.89, 81.24, 73.07, 51.58, 43.58, 37.58, 36.73, 34.26, 32.19, 25.80, 24.98, 24.80, 19.97, 13.75.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
34	4-Br phenyl (10 α -isomer)	-	-	White rectangular crystal. M.p. 156-159°C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.5}$ -45.14° (c 0.0216 in CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (Nujol) : 2924, 1492, 1454, 1374, 1112, 1008, 942, 902, 882, 840, 780 cm ⁻¹ ; ¹ H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl ₃) δH 7.43 (2H, d, J 8.40 Hz, H-3', H-5'), 7.19 (2H, d, J 8.40 Hz, H-2', H-6'), 5.70 (1H, d, J 6.60 Hz, H-10), 5.55 (1H, s, H-12), 2.72 (1H, m, H-9), 2.33 (1H, m, H-8), 1.19-2.10 (10H, m, H-2a, H-2b, H-3a, H-3b, H-4, H-5, H-6a, H-6b, H-7a, H-7b), 1.40 (3H, s, 1-CH ₃), 0.98 (3H, d, J 5.70 Hz, 9-CH ₃), 0.48 (3H, d, J 7.80 Hz, 5-CH ₃) ppm; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 453 ([M(Br ⁸¹) + 2CH ₄] ⁺ , 18), 451 ([M(Br ⁷⁹) + 2CH ₄] ⁺ , 20), 425 ([M(Br ⁸¹) + 1] ⁺ , 51), 423 ([M(Br ⁷⁹) + 1] ⁺ , 53), 407 (40), 405 (32), 392 (35), 390 (48), 379 (100), 377 (88), 335 (20), 333 (28), 267 (32), 221 (41), 209 (78), 191 (78), 191 (26), 163 (59).
35	4-Cl phenyl (10 α -isomer)	-	-	White rectangular crystal. M.p. 161-146°C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20.5}$ -10.35° (c 0.0508 in CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (Nujol) : 2924, 1494, 1456, 1374, 1114, 1008, 942, 902, 840, 782 cm ⁻¹ ; ¹ H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl ₃) δH 7.30 (2H, d, J 8.16 Hz, H-3', H-5'), 7.24 (2H, d, J 8.16 Hz, H-2', H-6'), 5.69 (1H, d, J 6.60 Hz, H-10), 5.55 (1H, m, H-12), 2.71 (1H, m, H-9), 2.32 (1H, m, H-8), 1.21-2.08 (10H, m, H-2a, H-2b, H-3a, H-3b, H-4, H-5, H-6a, H-6b, H-7a, H-7b), 1.36 (3H, s, 1-CH ₃), 0.98 (3H, d, J 5.76 Hz, 9-CH ₃), 0.49 (3H, d, J 7.68 Hz, 5-CH ₃) ppm; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 407 ([M(Cl ¹⁷) + 2CH ₄] ⁺ , 6), 405 ([M(Cl ³⁵) + 2CH ₄] ⁺ , 5), 379 ([M(Cl ³³) - 1] ⁺ , 97), 377 ([M(Cl ³⁵) - 1] ⁺ , 100), 355 (14), 333 (26), 182 (12).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
36	9-anthryl	-	-	White solid. δ_{H} 9.00-9.05 (1H, m, Ar-H), 8.31-8.41 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.05-8.04 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.39-7.57 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.23 (1H, d, J=7.51 Hz, H-10), 5.81 (1H, s, H-12), 3.10-3.23 (1H, m), 0.86-2.49 (11H, m), 1.39 (3H, s, H-14), 1.09 (3H, d, J=5.81 Hz, H-15), 0.57 (3H, d, J=7.72 Hz, H-16); δ_{C} : 134.12, 131.70, 131.05, 130.88, 129.59, 129.19, 128.73, 128.47, 127.61, 126.05, 124.51, 124.32, 123.71, 102.64, 91.22, 81.42, 72.62, 51.50, 44.18, 37.69, 36.87, 34.33, 33.02, 25.71, 25.09, 25.00, 19.94, 13.81.
37	9-phenanthryl	-	-	White solid. M.P. 89-89.1°C; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: -68.8° (c 0.016 CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2922, 2874, 2362, 1498, 1450, 1376, 1246, 1220, 1110, 1040, 1010, 956, 930, 906, 886, 832, 794, 748, 726; δ_{H} : 8.68-8.81 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.91-8.10 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.57-7.72 (4H, m, Ar-H), 6.50 (1H, d, J=6.54 Hz, H-10), 5.75 (1H, s, H-12), 3.06-3.19 (1H, m), 2.37-2.48 (1H, m), 2.00-2.16 (3H, s), 1.73-1.84 (2H, m), 0.86-1.60 (5H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 1.06 (3H, d, J=5.67 Hz, H-15), 0.39 (3H, d, J=7.61 Hz, H-16); δ_{C} : 135.21, 131.68, 130.14, 129.96, 129.59, 128.84, 126.66, 126.52, 126.04, 126.01, 123.84, 123.68, 123.19, 122.33, 102.47, 91.34, 81.42, 69.92, 51.45, 43.77, 37.71, 36.89, 34.27, 31.55, 25.79, 25.11, 24.95, 19.96, 13.22; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 445 (M ⁺ 1, 22), 444 (100), 398 (40), 384 (16), 352 (16), 328 (44), 267 (6), 218 (84), 203 (48), 178 (60), 163 (44), 138 (70), 107 (62).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
38	2-OCH ₃ , phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	White solid. M.P. 61°C; [α] _D ²⁰ : -14.4° (C 0.049 CHCl ₃); ν _{max} (film) 2928, 2874, 1590, 1492, 1462, 1374, 1284, 1240, 1178, 1110, 1102, 1052, 1010, 944, 882, 854, 754; δ _H 6.83-7.50 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.94 (1H, d, J=6.65, H ₂ , H-10), 5.58 (1H, s, H-12), 3.84 (3H, s, OCH ₃), 2.86-2.99 (1H, m, H-9), 2.30-2.40 (1H, m), 1.19-2.11 (10H, m), 1.39 (3H, s, H-14), 1.01 (1H, d, J=5.77 Hz, H-16), 0.43 (1H, d, J=7.64 Hz, H-15); δ _C 134.85, 127.00, 126.37, 120.02, 109.19, 90.86, 68.63, 55.19, 51.30, 43.39, 37.53, 36.72, 34.21, 29.87, 25.68, 24.97, 24.75, 19.83, 13.45; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 375 (M ⁺ +1, 12%), 374 (M ⁺ , 16), 342 (100), 329 (48), 311 (14), 284 (28), 182 (56), 148 (76), 137 (60), 121 (48); Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₂ H ₃₀ O ₅ : C, 70.5%; H, 8.07; found: C, 70.78; H, 8.28.
39	2,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	White snow-like crystal. M.P. 62°C; [α] _D ²⁰ - 64.21° (C 0.0114 in CHCl ₃); (Found C, 68.55; H, 8.14 C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₆ requires C, 68.29; H, 7.97%); ν _{max} (Nujol): 2920, 1614, 1590, 1506, 1464, 1376, 1286, 1258, 1208, 1156, 1120, 1040, 1010, 946, 880, 832, 780, 726 cm ⁻¹ ; ¹ H nmr (300 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ _H 7.33 (1H, d, J 8.40 Hz, H-6'), 6.47 (1H, dd, J 8.40, 2.40 Hz, H-5'), 6.42 (1H, d, J 2.40 Hz, H-3'), 5.84 (1H, d, J 6.60 Hz, H-10), 5.54 (1H, s, H-12), 3.80, 3.79 (6H, 2xs, 2xOME), 2.84 (1H, m, H-9), 2.32 (1H, m, H-8), 1.20-2.10 (10H, m, H-2a, H-2b, H-3a, H-3b, H-4, H-5, H-6a, H-6b, H-7a, H-7b), 1.37 (3H, s, 1-CH ₃), 1.00 (3H, d, J 5.70 Hz, 9-CH ₃), 0.40 (3H, d, J 7.50 Hz, 5-CH ₃) ppm; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 405 ([M+1] ⁺ , 15), 359 ([¹³ CH ₃] ⁺ , 100), 317 (6), 275 (28), 221 (8), 154 (22).

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
40	2,4,6-(OCH ₃) ₃ phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	Colourless oil. [α] _D ²⁵ +10.6° (c 0.016/ CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2938, 1608, 1456, 1204, 1154, 1126, 1006, 954; δ _H : 6.16 (1H, d, J=8.09 Hz, H-10), 6.13 (2H, s, Ar-H), 5.52 (1H, s, H-12), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 3.78 (2x3H, s, OMe), 2.64-2.72 (1H, m), 2.29-2.38 (1H, m), 1.97-2.08 (2H, m), 1.68-1.84 (4H, m), 1.20-1.57 (3H, m), 1.40 (3H, s, H-14), 0.84-1.11 (1H, m), 1.00 (3H, d, J=5.73 Hz, H-15), 0.72 (3H, d, J=7.70 Hz, H-16); m/z (CI, CH ₄) 435 (M ⁺ +1), 10, 41.7 (8), 389 (100), 371 (6), 347 (10), 329 (16), 221 (8); Anal.Calcd. for C ₂₄ H ₃₄ O ₃ ; C, 66.34; H, 7.89; found: C 66.57; H, 8.04.
41	2,4,6-(CH ₃) ₃ phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	Colourless oil. [α] _D ²⁵ +13.7 (c 0.019/ CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2938, 2874, 1452, 1376, 1208, 1106, 1076, 1008, 958, 942, 896, 880, 848, 780, 756, 724; δ _H : 6.81 (2H, s, Ar-H), 6.05 (1H, d, J=7.57 Hz, H- 10), 5.55 (1H, s, H-12), 2.74-2.85 (1H, m), 2.48 (3H, s, Me), 2.26-2.40 (1H, m), 2.32 (3H, s, Me), 2.27 (3H, s, Me), 2.05- 2.11 (2H, m), 1.64-1.90 (4H, m), 1.29- 1.50 (3H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 0.84- 1.04 (1H, m), 1.03 (3H, d, J=5.91 Hz, H- 15), 0.64 (3H, d, J=7.84 Hz, H-16); δ _C : 137.22, 135.56, 135.21, 133.52, 130.81, 128.37, 102.30, 90.71, 80.94, 71.82, 51.32, 43.92, 37.59, 36.79, 34.24, 30.44, 25.72, 25.04, 24.46, 22.28, 20.70, 20.63, 19.87, 13.22; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 387 (M ⁺ +1), 386 (8), 385 (10), 341 (100), 327 (8), 299 (8), 267 (14), 221 (10), 209 (4), 163 (8), 133 (8); Anal.Calcd. C ₂₄ H ₃₄ O ₃ ; C, 74.58; H, 8.87; found: C, 74.49; H, 8.86.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
42	2',4,5-(CH ₃) ₃ phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	Colourless Oil. (C 0.068/CHCl ₃); ν _{max} (film) 2922, 2874, 1502, 1452, 1374, 1278, 1220, 1202, 1180, 1120, 1100, 1056, 1040, 1000, 978, 954, 934, 896, 880, 820, 754; δ _n : 7.32 (1H, s, Ar-H), 6.99 (1H, s, Ar-H), 5.94 (1H, d, J=6.71 Hz, H-10), 5.67 (1H, s, H-12), 2.80-2.90 (1H, m), 2.38-2.48 (1H, m), 2.33 (2x3H, s, Me), 2.31 (3H, s, Me), 2.10-2.19 (2H, m), 1.78-2.00 (3H, m), 1.40-1.55 (4H, m), 1.47 (3H, s, H-14), 0.97-1.11 (1H, m), 1.11 (3H, d, J=5.75 Hz, H-15), 0.55 (3H, d, J=7.68 Hz, H-16); δ _c : 136.62, 134.02, 133.13, 131.04, 130.76, 127.09, 102.11, 91.04, 81.07, 70.00, 51.33, 43.49, 37.57, 36.73, 34.23, 29.89, 25.57, 25.01, 24.81, 19.89, 19.17, 18.73, 13.65; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 387 (M ⁺ , 10), 386 (M ⁺ , 44), 354 (60), 341 (84), 296 (6), 282 (18), 109 (20), 182 (28), 160 (100), 149 (56), 133 (38), 121 (30); Anal. Calcd. for C ₂₄ H ₃₄ O ₄ : C, 74.58; H, 8.87; found: C, 74.63, H, 8.73.

Ex. No.	Y	R ¹	R ²	Physical data
43	4-COOH phenyl (10β-isomer)	-	-	White solid. $[\alpha]_D^{20} -63.2^\circ$ (c 0.019/ CHCl ₃); ν_{max} (film) 2954, 2878, 2670, 2546, 2252, 1688, 1612, 1578, 1452, 1424, 1376, 1314, 1286, 1222, 1116, 1074, 1056, 1040, 1012, 980, 968, 954, 944, 908, 882, 854, 824, 802, 766, 732; δ _H 8.09 (2H, d, J=8.34 Hz, Ar-H), 7.45 (2H, d, J=8.34 Hz, Ar-H), 5.82 (1H, d, J=6.63 Hz, H-10), 5.60 (1H, s, H-12), 2.76-2.83 (1H, m), 2.31-2.40 (1H, m), 1.23-2.10 (9H, m), 1.41 (3H, s, H-14), 0.87-1.02 (1H, m) 1.01 (3H, d, J=5.49 Hz, H-15), 0.51 (3H, d, J=7.62 Hz, H-16); δ _C 171.66, 147.41, 129.71, 127.33, 126.15, 102.29, 90.80, 81.07, 72.74, 51.35, 43.29, 37.42, 36.53, 34.04, 31.94, 29.05, 25.60, 24.67, 19.78, 13.42; m/z (CI, CH ₄) 389 (M ⁺ +1, 8), 329 (1000), 283 (36), 267 (20), 219 (26), 177 (80), 129 (64)

Example 44

The parasiticidal activity of compounds of the invention was investigated by means of the following tests.

5 Abbreviations used in the examples:

CO₂ = carbon dioxide
DMSO = dimethylsulphoxide
ED = dermal cell line of a horse
10 EDTA = ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
FCS = fetal calf serum
RPMI = growth medium for cell cultures
rpm = revolutions per minute
VERO = kidney cell line of the African green monkey

15 (a) Screening of compounds against *Neospora Caninum* cell cultures in vitro.

Screening was conducted in 96-well plates (Falcon 3872). A monolayer of host cells (VERO or ED) were placed on a cell culture plate. Non-infected monolayers of cells were cultured in two 50 ml tissue culture bottles (50 cm³ cell culture area). The cell layer was detached with trypsin-EDTA (5 ml. Gibco 45300-019) in a CO₂-culture cupboard at 37°C. After 20 minutes, most of the cells were detached. The cells were transferred with a 5 ml pipette into a 50 ml centrifuge tube (Greiner, B769331) containing about 1 ml warmed fetal calf serum. After centrifugation for 5 minutes at 1500 rpm (Varifuge 3.0, Heraeus), the liquid was removed and the cell pellet suspended in 30 RPMI medium (100 ml, 95% RPMI 1640, 2% FCS, 1% L-glutamine, 1% sodium hydrogen carbonate, 1% penicillin/streptomycin). The cell suspension was pipetted into six 96-well plates at 150 µl per well. The coated cell culture plates were placed in an incubation cupboard at 37°C under 5% CO₂ for 24 hours. 35 The cells were then infected with *Neospora caninum*

tachyzoites at a concentration of 48,000 tachyzoites per well. This was followed by incubation at 37°C under 5% CO₂ for 24 hours.

The test compounds (0.5 - 1.5 mg) were weighed
5 into 1.5 ml eppendorf vessels and dissolved in 1 ml dimethyl sulphoxide, corresponding to a dilution of about 1×10^{-3} g ml⁻¹. The medium used for further dilution consisted of 87% RPMI 1640, 10% FCS, 1% L-glutamine, 1% sodium hydrogen carbonate, 1% penicillin/streptomycin. In the first screening,
10 concentrations of 10⁻⁵, 10⁻⁶ and 10⁻⁷ g ml⁻¹ were used. The diluted preparations were then transferred to the cell culture plates at a volume of 150 µl per well after 24 hour infection with Neospora caninum. For
15 the first row, untreated medium was used; this row contained infected and uninfected cells as controls. The cell plate was incubated at 37°C under 5% CO₂ for 5 days. Microscopic evaluation was conducted 4 days after treatment and 5 days after infection at a
20 magnification of 25 x 10 in an inverse microscope according to the following evaluation scheme.

	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Observable effect</u>
	0 = no effect	monolayer completely destroyed
25	1 = weak effect	monolayer partly destroyed, parasite clumps can be seen
	2 = full effect	monolayer intact, no tachyzoites observable
	T = cytotoxic	cells are dead, lysed

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The results are set out in Table II below:-

Table II

Example No.	Dose (g/ml)			
	10^{-5}	10^{-6}	10^{-7}	10^{-8}
2	1	1	*	-
14	T/1	1	1	0
14	2	1	0	-
15	T	0	-	-
14	T/1	1	1	0
17	2	1	-	-
19	T/2	0	-	-
20	1	0	-	-
21	T/1	1	1	0
26	1	0	-	-
27	2	1	0	-
28	2	0	-	-
Artemisinin	0	-	-	-

20 (b) Screening of Compounds again Eimeria Tenella cell cultures in vitro

Cells from kidneys of 19 day old chicks are cultured as monolayers in 96-well plates (Falcon 3872) in a medium of Hanks lactalbumine hydrolysate, 5% fetal calf serum, 1% glutamine and 1% non-essential amino acids. After two days at 42°C under 5% CO₂, the culture was infected with excised sporozoites of Eimeria tenella at about 30.00 per well. Test compounds were dissolved in DMSO and diluted with culture medium to a maximum end concentration of 10 μ g ml⁻¹. The dilution steps were 1:10. On day 5 post infection, the cultures were evaluated under a microscope at 100-fold magnification and the condition of the host cells and the amount of intact schizonts and free merozoites was determined. Effectiveness was

rated as follows:

	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Observable effect</u>
3	= very active	no intact parasites/well
5	= active	1-6 parasites per well
1	= weakly active	up to 1 intact schizont/optical field of vision
0	= inactive	> 1 intact schizont/optical field of vision
10	T = cytotoxic	host cells are dead

The results are set out in Table III below:-

Table III

Example No.	Dose (g/ml)			
	10^{-5}	10^{-6}	10^{-7}	10^{-8}
2	•	2	1	0
11	2	2	1	0
14	T	T	1	0
15	T	T	1	0
16	T	T/2	0	-
17	T/2	1	1	-
19	T	T/2	0	-
20	2	1	0	-
21	2	1	•	0
26	T	2	0	-
27	T	1	0	-
28	T	2	0	-
Artemisinin	2	1	0	-

(c) In Vitro Screening against *Plasmodium Falciparum*

Two parasite strains - W2 resistant to chloroquine, and D6 sensitive to chloroquine but resistant to mefloquine were used. In Table IV below,
5 the best compounds should show no cross resistance between the two strains.

The assay relies on incorporation of radiolabelled hypoxanthine by the parasite and inhibition of incorporation is attributed to activity of known or 10 candidate antimalarial drugs. For each assay, proven antimalarials such as chloroquine, mefloquine, quinine, artemisinin and pyrimethamine were used as controls. The incubation period was 66 hours, and the starting parasitemia was 0.2% with 1% hematocrit. The 15 medium was an RPMI-1640 culture with no folate or p-aminobenzoic acid. Albumax rather than 10% normal heat inactivated human plasma was used as, with Albumax, less protein binding is observed, and compounds elicit slightly higher activities in this model. If a compound was submitted with no prior 20 knowledge of activity, it was dissolved directly in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), and diluted 400 fold with complete culture medium. The unknown compound was started at a maximum concentration of 50,000 ng ml⁻¹ and sequentially diluted 2-fold for 11 times to give a 25 concentration range of 1048 fold. These dilutions were performed automatically by a Biomek 1000 Liquid Handling System in 96-well microtiter plates. The diluted drugs were then transferred to test plates, 30 200 µl of parasitized erythrocytes were added, and incubated at 37°C in a controlled environment of 5% CO₂, 5% O₂ and 90% N₂. After 42 hours, 25 µl of ³H-hypoxanthine was added, and the plates incubated for an additional 24 hours. After 66 hours, the 35 plates were frozen at -70°C to lyse the red cells, and then thawed and harvested onto glass fiber filter mats in a 96-well harvester. The filter mats were then

5 counted in a scintillation counter. For each drug,
the concentration response profile was determined and
50%, 90% and 10% inhibitory concentrations (IC_{50} , IC_{90}
and IC_{10}) were determined by a non-linear logistic
dose response analysis program.

10 A prescreen format can be used wherein a
3-dilution assay may be used to determine activity at
high medium or low concentrations. The concentrations
were selected as 50,000, 500 and 50 ng ml⁻¹. These
were performed in duplicate on a 96-well format plate
with 14 test compounds and one known (standard)
compound per plate. The system was automated with a
Biomek diluter for mixing and diluting the drugs, and
adding drugs and parasites to a test plate.

15 In the prescreen format, if the ANALYSIS FIELD
(AF) has a "<", then the compound was "very active"
and the IC values are most likely to be below the last
dilution value (in nanograms/ml), which is listed next
to AF. In most cases, these compounds were run again
20 at lower starting concentration to determine the true
IC value. If the AF has a ">", then the IC value is
greater than the prescreen dilution value; thus
"AF>250" means that the IC value is greater than 250
ng ml⁻¹ and no further screening is carried out. In
25 such cases, values of 0.00 are entered for IC values.

The results are set out in Table IV below:-

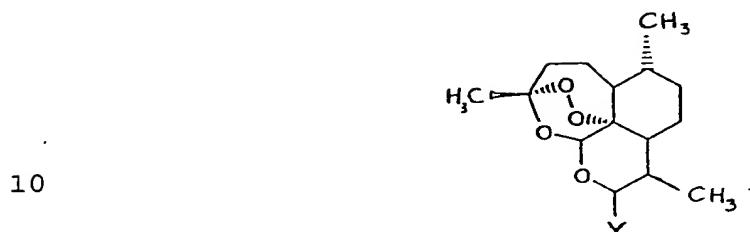
Table IV

Example No.	In vitro activity: IC ₅₀ ; IC ₉₀ ; (IC ₁₀) ng/ml		D6 Strain(Chloroquine sensitive)
	W2 Strain (Chloroquine resistant)		
IA(10 α -isomer)	0.69; 0.97		0.64; 1.24
IB(10 β -isomer)	0.69; 0.98		0.74; 1.36
2	0.31; 0.52; (0.19)		0.73; 0.99; (0.53)
4	0.84; 1.74; (0.40)		1.05; 2.10; (0.52)
8	0.78; 1.32; (0.47)		0.77; 1.70; (0.35)
11	0.66; 0.84; (0.52)		0.61; 0.78; (0.48)
12	0.64; 0.84; (0.49)		0.61; 0.78; (0.48)
14	0.23; 0.33; (0.17)		0.28; 0.82; (0.09)
15	0.33; 0.43; (0.25)		0.39; 0.80; (0.19)
16	5.81; 12.77; (2.64)		9.40; 12.93; (6.84)
17	0.00; 0.00 250AF<0		1.77; 3.96; (0.79)
19	0.00; 0.00; AF>250		0.00; 0.00; AF>250
20	0.77; 1.30; (0.46)		1.17; 2.10; (0.65)
21	0.11; 0.17; (0.07)		0.09; 0.35; (0.02)
22	0.00; 0.00 AF<4		9.05; 16.24; (5.05)
26	0.00; 0.00; 250AF<0		11.20; 18.61; (6.74)
27	0.29; 0.68; (0.12)		1.35; 2.42; (0.75)
28	0.45; 0.92; (0.22)		2.45; 3.97; (1.51)

CLAIMS

1. A compound of the general formula I

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or a salt thereof,

15 in which

Y represents a halogen atom, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or

heterocyclalkyl group or a group -NR¹R²; where

20 R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group;

R² represents an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; or

25 R¹ and R² together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from an optionally substituted amino acid ester;

for use in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite other than 30 an organism of the genus Plasmodium.

2. A compound according to claim 1 in which Y represents a halogen atom.

35 3. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which Y represents a fluorine or bromine atom.

4. A compound according to claim 1 in which Y represents a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₆₋₁₈ aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered C-linked heteroaryl group or a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclyl-C₁₋₆ alkyl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino, carboxyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, 5 to 10-membered heterocyclic and C₁₋₄ alkyl- or phenyl-substituted 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic groups.

5. A compound according to claim 4 in which Y represents a C₆₋₁₈ aryl group optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ haloalkoxy, amino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino and carboxyl groups.

6. A compound according to claim 4 or claim 5 in which Y represents a phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl or phenanthryl group, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, methyl, vinyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy and carboxyl groups.

7. A compound according to any one of claims 4 to 6 in which Y represents a phenyl, chlorophenyl, bromophenyl, trimethylphenyl, vinylphenyl, methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, trimethoxyphenyl, carboxylphenyl, naphthyl, hydroxynaphthyl, anthryl or phenanthryl group.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 4 to 7 in which Y represents a phenyl or trimethoxyphenyl group.

9. A compound according to claim 1 in which Y represents a group $-NR^1R^2$ where R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group and R^2 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{6-10} aryl or C_{7-16} aralkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a 5- to 10-membered heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from a C_{1-6} alkyl ester of an amino acid, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl and phenyl groups.

10. A compound according to claim 9 in which Y represents a group $-NR^1R^2$ where R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group and R^2 represents a C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl group, or R^1 and R^2 together with the interjacent nitrogen atom represent a 6- to 10-membered heterocyclic group or an amino group derived from a C_{1-4} alkyl ester of an amino acid, each group being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen atoms, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy carbonyl and phenyl groups.

11. A compound according to claim 9 or claim 10 in which Y represents a propylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, phenylamino, fluorophenylamino, chlorophenylamino, bromophenylamino, iodophenylamino, methoxycarbonylphenylamino, biphenylamino, benzylamino, fluorobenzylamino, bis(trifluoromethyl)benzylamino, phenylethylamino, phenyl-methoxycarbonylmethylamino, diethylamino, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinosulphonyl, indolinyl or tetrahydroisoquinolinyl group.

12. A compound according to any one of claims 9 to 11
in which Y represents a propylamino, phenylamino,
bromophenylamino, iodophenylamino, biphenylamino,
5 benzylamino, bis(trifluoromethyl)benzylamino,
phenylethylamino, phenyl-methoxycarbonylmethylamino or
morpholinyl group.

13. A compound according to any one of the preceding
10 claims in which the parasite is an organism of the
genus Neospora or the genus Eimeria.

14. Use of a compound of the general formula I as
defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 for the
15 manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or
prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a
parasite other than an organism of the genus
Plasmodium.

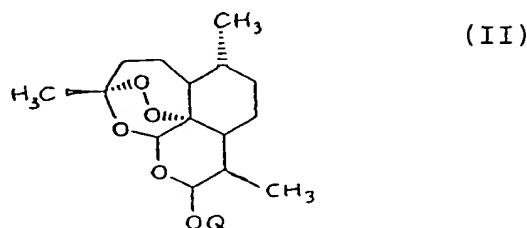
20 15. Use according to claim 14 in which the parasite is
an organism of the genus Neospora or the genus
Eimeria.

16. A compound of the general formula I as defined in
25 any one of claims 1 to 12, with the proviso that, when
Y is a group -NR¹R² and R² represents a phenyl, 3-
chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 4-
bromophenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-
methoxyphenyl, 3-carboxylphenyl or 4-carboxylphenyl
30 group, then R¹ is an optionally substituted alkyl
group.

17. A process for the preparation of a compound of the general formula I according to claim 16 which comprises reacting a compound of the general formula

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in which Q represents a hydrogen atom or trimethylsilyl group, with a suitable halogenating agent to form a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a halogen atom; and, if desired, reacting the compound of general formula I thus formed either with a Grignard reagent of the general formula YMgX where Y is an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group and X is a halogen atom to form a compound of general formula I in which Y represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group or with an amine of the general formula HNR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined in claim 13 to form a compound of general formula I in which Y represents a group -NR¹R² where R¹ and R² are as defined above.

30 18. A process according to claim 17 in which a compound of the general formula I in which Y represents a bromine atom is generated in situ by reacting a compound of the general formula II in which Q represents a trimethylsilyl group with bromotrimethylsilane.

35 19. A process for the preparation of a compound of the

general formula I according to claim 16 in which Y represents an optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, C-linked heteroaryl or heterocyclalkyl group which comprises reacting 9,10-anhydroartemisinin with a compound of the general formula Y-H, where Y is as defined above, in the presence of a suitable Lewis acid.

5 20. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a carrier and, as active ingredient, a compound of the general formula I according to claim 16.

10 21. A compound of the general formula I according to claim 16 for use in the treatment and/or prophylaxis 15 of a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium.

20 22. Use of a compound of the general formula I according to Claim 16 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium.

25 23. A method for treating a disease caused by infection with a parasite other than an organism of the genus Plasmodium which comprises administering to a host in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the general formula I as defined in claim 1.

30 24. A method for treating a disease caused by infection with a parasite of the genus Plasmodium which comprises administering to a host in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the general formula I according to claim 16.

ABSTRACT

ARTEMISININ DERIVATIVES

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This invention relates to the use of certain C-10 substituted derivatives of artemisinin in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases caused by infection with a parasite, certain novel C-10 substituted derivatives of artemisinin, processes for their preparation and pharmaceutical compositions containing such C-10 substituted derivatives. The compounds are particularly effective in the treatment of malaria, neosporosis and coccidiosis.

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